

Carillon music: American style Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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- Jeremy Chesman, carillonneur and instructor in music at Southwest Missouri State University, will present the third recital in Alfred University's Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series on Tuesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Carillon. Chesman will open his recital with "Prelude No. 5" by Matthias van den Gheyn, and "Une Jeune Filette" from the De Sany Carillon Book. A specialist in American music, Chesman will then perform a medley of American songs including "Yankee Doodle," "America the Beautiful" and "Tenting on the Old Campground." He will present selections from Ronald Barnes' "Serenade I," and another medley, "Love, American Style" that includes "Beautiful Dreamer," "I Dream of Jeannie" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," followed by "Gaudi's Chimneys: Whimsical Dances for Carillon" by John Courter. He will end his program with "Sonata in D" by Isaac Albeniz. A graduate of the University of Michigan, where he earned the first-ever Master of Music degree in carillon performance, Chesman has performed throughout the United States, as well as in The Netherlands, France, Belgium and Portugal, where he played a recital of American music at the National Palace in Mafra on the European Union's day of mourning for the events of Sept. 11. Chesman's performances have been broadcast in the United States, The Netherlands, and Japan. As a specialist in American carillon music, he has premiered works by Steven Sodders and Augustus O. Hill, and has lectured on the topic in Belgium and at the Congresses of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. He is working on a book about carillons at universities in America. Chesman studied carillon with Margo Halsted and Todd Fair at the University of Michigan. As a Fellow of the Belgian American Educational Foundation, he studied with Eddy Marien and composition with Geert D'Hollander at the Royal Carillon School of Belgium. He serves on the membership committee of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America, and is the editor of English-language publications for the new carillon in Alverca, Portugal. The Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Series honors the memory of Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate, who served as a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years. When the bells of the Davis Memorial Carillon were installed in 1937, he was named University Carillonneur, a position he held until his death in 1968 at the age of 82. Widely known as a carillonneur, Wingate arranged more than 5,000 selections for the carillon and composed nine suites for the instrument. He was a member and president of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. The Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Series is funded by the Margaret Merrill and Ray W. Wingate Memorial Carillon Foundation. Margaret Wingate Rase, a long-time Alfred resident, is trustee of the Foundation.