

Danish Carillonneur to Perform in First Recital of AU's Summer Series

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Alfred, NY -- Peter Langberg, city carillonneur and director of the School of Church Music of Logumkloster, Denmark, will give the first recital in Alfred University's Wingate Summer Carillon Recital Series on Tuesday, July 11. Concerts in the four-week series, which runs Tuesdays through Aug. 1, are at 7 p.m. on the Davis Memorial Carillon on campus. There is no admission charge. Langberg's program includes music by Dimitri Shostakovitch, I. Albeniz, Robert Schumann, and Fritz Kreisler along with the well-known "Clair de Lune" by Claude Debussy and popular melodies by Cole Porter and Harvey Schmidt. Born in 1945, Langberg earned the highest degrees from the Royal Danish Conservatory of Music in organ, music education, piano performance, and choral directing, with additional studies in the harpsichord. He studied organ with Gaston Litaize in Paris and carillon with Jacques Lannoy at the French Carillon School, earning a gold medal and a diploma as Master Carillonneur. A former official of several international carillon organizations, Langberg is an honorary member of the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. He has given recitals on organ and carillon throughout Europe and North America and has made several recordings, including a 1996 CD of all the organ works of Cesar Franck. He is also a composer, and he and his wife Kirsten perform organ duets in Denmark. Alfred University Carillonneur Laurel Buckwalter, host of the series, said guests may listen from the lawns or the Upper College Drive area. To see the musician in action, there are two vantage points. One is the lawn of the apartments behind Howell Hall; the other -- for those willing to climb 69 steps -- is the top of the glass-enclosed carillon itself.