

### Third carillon recital slated in summer series

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The third performer in Alfred University's 2009 Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series, Laura Ellis from the University of Florida School of Music, Gainesville, will present her program on Tuesday, July 21, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Davis Memorial Carillon on the AU campus. Admission is free and the event will go on rain or shine. Guests may sit on the lawn adjacent to the carillon. Feel free to bring along chairs and blankets to enhance your listening pleasure. Ellis will present a full program including "Solemn Sinfonia: 'Entrance of the Queen of Sheba' "; "Suite for Carillon"; "Three Folk Songs 'I Walk in a Thousand Thoughts' (Swedish), 'The Peddler' (Russian), 'The Little Red Lark' (Irish)"; "Lament and Alleluia"; "Spanish Suite 'On the Burro,' 'Jumping Bean,' 'Lullaby' "; "The Music Box" from "Suite for Carillon"; three selections for "Southern Harmony 'Pisgah,' 'Wondrous Love,' 'Amazing Grace' "; and "Chorale Partita IV: St. Anne." Ellis serves the University of Florida as associate professor in the School of Music and teaches undergraduate and graduate organ, harpsichord, and carillon. A native of Minnesota, Ellis is a graduate of Luther College (Decorah, IA) and holds the master of music degree in church music and a doctor of musical arts degree in organ performance from the University of Kansas. Her major organ teachers have been William Kuhlman and James Higdon. While in residence at the University of Kansas, she studied carillon with Albert Gerken. In addition to her regular performances on the carillon in Century Tower on the University of Florida campus, Ellis has performed solo carillon recitals at Iowa State University; House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; the University of Chicago; the Millennium Carillon, Naperville, IL; the Chicago Botanic Gardens; the University of Sydney; the National Carillon, Canberra, Australia; the University of Toronto; and the Metropolitan Church, Toronto. During the summer of 2008, Ellis performed as guest artist at the 47th International Carillon Festival held in Springfield, IL. Ellis currently serves the American Guild of Organists as district convener for the state of Florida. In addition, she is active in the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America and holds the position of director of the Music and Publications Committee. Ellis may be contacted at: [LREllis@ufl.edu](mailto:LREllis@ufl.edu) Alfred University's Wingate Memorial Carillon Recital Series will conclude Tuesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. with Jeremy Chesman from Missouri State, Springfield, MO. The series honors Dr. Ray Winthrop Wingate (1886-1968), who was a professor of music at Alfred University for 56 years. After the installation of the bells in 1937, he was appointed the University carillonneur and continued in the position until his death. He arranged more than 5,000 selections for the carillon and composed nine suites. The Margaret Merrill and Ray W. Wingate Memorial Carillon Foundation funds the series. The carillon at Alfred University is made of a double row of rounded oak levers, called batons (which are struck with loosely clenched fists), with a pedal board (octave and a fifth). The ground floor display by the carillon has information on its history. Guests are welcome to climb the 69 steps to the top to enjoy the view and watch the guest artists at work. For more information on the Alfred University Summer Carillon Recital Series, contact Laurel Buckwalter, University carillonneur at 607.587.8090.