



# Westminster Concert *Bell* Choir

Kathleen Ebling Shaw, *conductor*

*Featuring musical selections with a theme about water and its elemental presence in our lives, performed on the world's largest range of handbells and Choirchimes®.*

**Thursday, May 25, 2017 • 7:30 p.m.**

King Avenue United Methodist Church  
299 King Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43201



The **WESTMINSTER CONCERT BELL CHOIR** is composed of undergraduate and graduate students of Westminster Choir College of Rider University. Its director is Kathleen Ebling Shaw. This year marks the 39th year of the handbell curriculum at Westminster Choir College, which was the first institution to develop such a program.

Celebrating her 26th year as conductor of the Westminster Concert Bell Choir, **KATHLEEN EBLING SHAW** is a Westminster Choir College alumna and a member of the Sacred Music faculty at Westminster Choir College of Rider University, where she teaches classes in handbell training and conducts a second handbell choir.

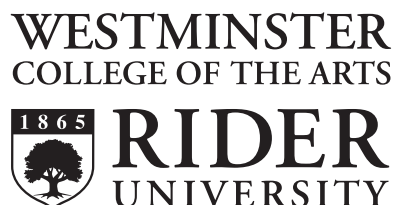
Hailed for its virtuosity, the Westminster Concert Bell Choir uses the world's largest range of handbells – 8 octaves, from C1 to C9. Many of the bells are made of bronze and range in weight from four ounces to 11 pounds; the Choir also uses the large “Basso Profundo” aluminum-cast bells that are a new phenomenon in handbell ringing. The Choir supplements its handbell set with a six-octave set of Malmark Choirchime® instruments from C2 to C8 – the widest range in existence.

Well known as a handbell clinician, Mrs. Shaw has conducted sessions for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers both on the national and international levels. She traveled with the Westminster Concert Bell Choir during the critically acclaimed 15-city North American “A Royal Christmas” tour, performing with Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Charlotte Church and the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. She has produced eight recordings with the Westminster Concert Bell Choir: *Westminster Rings!*, *Praise and Adoration*, *Christmas at Westminster: The Westminster Concert Bell Choir*, *By Request*, *Westminster Concert Bell Choir: 30th Anniversary Collection*, *A Time To Dance*, *An English Christmas* and *Let Freedom Ring*.

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir has appeared on Public Television's *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* and several holiday broadcasts of the *Today* show. Its performances have been heard on National Public Radio's *Performance Today*, and it is included on NPR's *Christmas Around The Country II* recording. Most recently, the Choir joined singer Josh Groban for NBC's nationally televised Lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.

Mrs. Shaw is the recipient of an Alumni Merit Award from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in recognition of her dedication to the art of handbell ringing and her enthusiasm and accomplishments in the classroom as well as the concert hall.

The Choir has made 11 recordings; the most recent are *An English Christmas* and *Let Freedom Ring*.



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