

# New England Ringers Seeks Assistant Music Director

New England Ringers (NER) handbell ensemble is pleased to announce that we are conducting a search for an Assistant Music Director. For the near term, the Assistant Music Director will support the efforts of our remotely-located Director to prepare the ensemble for concerts, including conducting some number of rehearsals and possibly conducting the ensemble in performance. Opportunities may exist for the Assistant Director to play bells behind the table as well if he or she so desires. We expect that over the mid to long term the Assistant Director will transition to full Artistic and Musical Director of New England Ringers, responsible for implementing their own innovative and creative vision for excellence in handbell music.

New England Ringers is a bronze-level, auditioned community handbell ensemble based near Worcester in central Massachusetts. Our members come from throughout New England and are all committed to making great ensemble music. NER owns 6½ octaves (G2 to C9) of Schulmerich handbells and six octaves (C2 to C8) of Malmark choirchimes; plus three octaves (G3 to G6) of Whitechapel bells and two octaves (G4 to G6) of Petit and Fritsen bells. In addition, NER owns a 1½ octave set of orchestra chimes. We typically rehearse on Sunday afternoons, with occasional Saturday rehearsals as well.

NER is not your grandparents' handbell choir, so we are looking for an Assistant Director with a unique and innovative approach to programming and making ensemble music with handbells. We seek an Assistant Director/Director who can help NER build a regional and national reputation as a preeminent handbell ensemble capable of performing music of the highest quality at regional and national venues.

The ideal candidate will have a degree in music or comparable experience, a solid understanding of handbells as a musical instrument, and the confidence as a conductor to bring out the best in an ensemble. Because NER is always interested in exploring music outside the usual repertoire, the ability to arrange music and/or compose original music for handbells would be most welcome.

If you think this sounds like you, the Executive Committee of New England Ringers would like to hear from you so that we can discuss your vision for our bronze-level community handbell ensemble and what NER can offer you. Please contact us at [info@newenglandringers.org](mailto:info@newenglandringers.org) to continue the discussion. Thank you.

For the New England Ringers,

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