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NEW ENGLAND RINGERS ANNOUNCES INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR

New England Ringers is extremely pleased to announce that Brian Seemann will serve as interim Music Director. New England Ringers president, Carol Elmore, said "We are thrilled to have a director of such caliber leading NER. Brian brings unparalleled passion, expertise, and musicianship to the position of interim Music Director and we look forward to working with him."

Brian Seemann has extensive musical expertise, with special focus on handbells. He began ringing in grade school with the youth handbell choir at Whitehouse United Methodist Church in Readington, New Jersey. He moved to Boston to study composition at The Boston Conservatory before returning to Philadelphia and majoring in urban planning at Temple University. In his time away from handbells, Brian is heavily involved in other aspects of performing arts. He currently lives in Boston, MA, where he is the Director of Events for Inspire Arts & Music, a non-profit arts organization. Brian spent four summers marching with the Jersey Surf and Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps, and through his current job continues to remain involved in the drum corps activity. He has led several church handbell choirs, and since 2013, has been Artistic Director and Conductor for the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble. We first took notice of Brian at last year's Boston Handbell Festival when he deftly and gracefully juggled the roles as a ringing member of the Back Bay Ringers, as well as the conductor of the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble. His energy and enthusiasm were infectious.

Brian says "I have had the pleasure of hearing NER perform several times at the Boston Handbell Festival and have always been impressed. I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with the very talented musicians that compose the New England Ringers."

The New England Ringers is a fifteen-member handbell ensemble of highly energetic musicians playing the most advanced handbell literature. NER amazes listeners of all ages with a blend of lively and beautiful musical moods and styles. The performances include classical transcriptions, arrangements of familiar favorites, and original compositions. These performances also include a touch of entertaining humor, as well as an artful visual presentation of this unique instrument.

New England Ringers was founded by some of the region's most talented ringers in 2000 for the purpose of attending and ringing at the National Directors Seminar of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers in Buffalo, New York. Following that event, the ensemble continued with the mission of performing challenging music at its highest level. Membership is offered to qualified and interested ringers by invitation or by audition.

Please join us in welcoming Brian Seemann to New England Ringers. With its commitment to musical excellence, focus on eclectic programming to appeal to a variety of musical tastes, and a healthy dash of showmanship, NER has been entertaining audiences of all ages throughout New England, New York and

Pennsylvania. The artistry of the New England Ringers' programming showcases the skill of an ensemble with great discipline. We look forward to seeing you at our next performance.

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