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DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
UNIVERSITY RINGERS
NOVEMBER 6 – 9, 2003

TOUR PROGRAM

Prelude University Ringers
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Arr. McChesney
Prayer and Welcome

I

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. Moglebust
"Marching to Zion" Arr. Honore'
"Cantad al Senor" Arr. Morris
"When We All Get to Heaven" Arr. Waldrop

II

"Rondo of Praise" Arr. Helman
"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Arr. McChesney
"Lord of the Dance" Arr. McChesney
"Rondo Festiva" Michael Helman

III

"What Child Is This?" Arr. Moglebust
"O Come All Ye Faithful" Arr. McChesney
"O Christmas Tree" Arr. Eithon

IV

"This is My Country" Arr. Currier
"America, the Beautiful" Arr. Garee
"God Bless America" Arr. Wilson

V

"The Thunderer" Arr. McChesney
"The All-American Home Town Band" Arr. Wood
"Rough Riders" Arr. Moglebust

VI

"Patriotic Celebration" Arr. McChesney
(includes America the Beautiful, Yankee Doodle Dandy, America,
You're a Grand Old Flag, The Stars and Stripes Forever)

VII

"Surely, the Lord is in this Place" Arr. Parrish

Dallas Baptist University Ringers

The University Ringers of Dallas Baptist University is under the direction of Dr. C. Edward Spann, dean of the College of Fine Arts. Founded by Dr. Spann in 1990, the Handbell Choir was recognized as the National Exemplary School Program in 1993 and 2001 by the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

The choir has toured extensively in its 12-year existence. In 1995 the group toured Korea for 12 days as the guest of the largest Baptist church in Korea. In 2000 the University Ringers toured Taiwan as a guest performing group playing in several college, universities, high schools, and other special events. They toured Europe in 2001, playing in Salzburg and Vienna, Austria.

In 1997 the handbell choir toured Arkansas, Oklahoma and North Texas. In 1998 they toured in the San Antonio and Houston area of Texas and in 2002 they traveled to West Texas. In 2003 they are touring Arkansas and East Texas. They have played in many venues, including guest groups for handbell festivals and at several conventions and banquets as well as church concerts. The University Ringers recently hosted a College Handbell Festival on their campus.

Playing a five-octave set of 61 Schulmerich English handbells, together with four octaves of hand chimes, the University Ringers play a variety of music. Their repertoire ranges from transcriptions of classical pieces to hymn arrangements and spirituals as well as compositions composed especially for handbells. The use of various other instruments adds more variety to their performances.

Many students in the group are church music majors, but there are several performance and music education majors.

Dr. Spann is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, has three degrees from Southwestern Seminary and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. Having used handbells as a music missionary in Brazil, he has had a unique ministry. He has taught at Shorter College and Houston Baptist University. Dr. Spann has been at DBU since 1989.

A brochure explaining various aspects of the music department is available in the foyer. The web site address is www.dbu.edu. In addition recordings (CDs and tapes) of the University Ringers, DBU Chorale and DBU Chamber Singers are for purchase in the foyer.