

# THE AGAPE RINGERS

## QUOTES



STEVEN LARSON, MUSIC DIRECTOR, ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (2008)

*"The Agape Ringers dazzled both audience and orchestra members during their performance at the Rockford Symphony's Holiday Pops concert. They play music that doesn't seem like it could possibly be played by handbells, and do it with style, enthusiasm and panache that simply astonishes."*

NANCY KINDRAKA, CAPITAL CITY RINGERS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN (2013)

*"Really enjoyed the concert Saturday in Flint! Absolutely fantastic. Thanks for making the trip through Michigan!"*

DR. STEPHEN ALLTOP, MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE APOLLO CHORUS OF CHICAGO, ELMHURST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, GREEN LAKE CHORAL INSTITUTE; ASSOCIATE CONDUCTOR OF THE PENINSULA MUSIC FESTIVAL; SENIOR LECTURER, CONDUCTING AND ENSEMBLES AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY (2013)

*"The experience of collaborating with The Agape Ringers was an absolute delight. These ringers and their conductor, David Weck, are ambassadors par excellence for handbell music. It was amazing to see the choir in action, and to collaborate on the premiere of a new arrangement by Gary Fry. Our audience loved the combination of The Agape Ringers with our symphony orchestra, and our musicians were equally impressed!"*

ATTENDEE, AREA 7 FESTIVAL 2012, DULUTH, MN

*"Both classes I took today were taught by The Agape Ringers. Their advice was much more practical and useful, than clinical; possibly gleaned from combined decades of experience. I learned a lot to take home to my director and our choir."*

WILLIAM PAYN, DIRECTOR OF CHORAL STUDIES, BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY (2010)

*"The Agape Ringers have never sounded better. It was remarkable and SOOOO musical. I was enchanted the entire evening and every piece flowed so beautifully into the next. Thank you for a truly outstanding and remarkable performance."*

MARGI ZEARLEY, FOUNDER OF SONORAN BELLS OF TUCSON (2010)

*"With fiery precision, The Agape Ringers blaze a place for themselves with the top performing handbell ensembles in the country. Their lyrical lines soar with musicality and expression. A creative programmer, David Weck thoughtfully leads this fine ensemble and their audiences through an emotional ride I will enjoy time and time again."*

LEE J. AFDAHL, PRESIDENT OF HANDBELL MUSICIANS OF AMERICA 2011-2014, AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROCHESTER, MN (2010)

*"Congratulations to The Agape Ringers, David, and all of the accompanying instrumentalists in giving us a truly Pinnacle evening of enjoyable music! The variety of music, the specific arrangements, the musicality, and tasteful presentation.... all very much appreciated. I have heard wonderful performances of the Agape Ringers in the past, but this performance in Nashville exceeded all of the previous performances by offering us a new level of achievement on what can be done with handbells in truly wonderful music-making moments."*

ARNOLD SHERMAN, COMPOSER AND DIRECTOR EAST TEXAS HANDBELL ENSEMBLE (2010)

*"I firmly believe, that as we reminisce in the years to come, the handbell world will speak of The Agape Ringers concert in Nashville at Pinnacle 2010 often and in hallowed tones. It was the kind of event that begets legends. Thank you for your artistry, your dedication, and your love of the art of English handbell ringing!"*