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River City Ringers

Audition Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

How many years have you rung handbells? _____

Are you currently ringing with a handbell ensemble? _____

If so, please list which one(s): _____

Please list groups you have previously rung with (along with years): _____

How do you see yourself as a ringer? Expert _____ Very Good _____ Good _____ Work in Progress _____

Describe your most challenging (or interesting) ringing experience: _____

Why do you want to ring with RCR? _____

Where have you seen RCR perform? CONCERT / YOUTUBE / FACEBOOK / OTHER (please specify) _____

What other instruments do you play? _____

Other comments: _____

Can you Shelley? _____

Can you ring 4-in-hand? _____

What positions are you comfortable ringing? Mark all that apply.

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| (Position 1) C ₃ -F ₃ _____ | (Position 5) G ₄ -A ₄ _____ | (Position 10) C ₆ -D _{6/7} _____ |
| (Position 2) G ₃ -B ₃ _____ | (Position 6) B ₄ -C ₅ _____ | (Position 11) E _{6/7} -F _{6/7} _____ |
| (Position 3) C ₄ -D ₄ _____ | (Position 7) D ₅ -E ₅ _____ | (Position 12) G _{6/7} -A _{6/7} _____ |
| (Position 4) E ₄ -F ₄ _____ | (Position 8) F ₅ -G ₅ _____ | (Position 13) B _{6/7} -C _{7/8} _____ |
| | (Position 9) A ₅ -B ₅ _____ | |

Middle C In Handbell Music

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us!

Please return completed form to either:

president@rivercityringers.org OR memberrep@rivercityringers.org

Good Luck!

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Expectations

Rehearsals

- Rehearsals are usually held Sunday (6-8pm) or Monday (6:30-8:30pm).
- Currently, rehearsals take place at Christ Lutheran Church - 6720 Broadway 78209.
 - Occasionally rehearsals may be scheduled at other locations or times.
- Ringers are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes early for setup, and required stay to pack up equipment following rehearsal.

Absences

- This ensemble will require a high level of commitment from you. **Absences are discouraged!**
- Advance notification of absences is appreciated so a substitute can be arranged.
- You are allowed to miss no more than **2 rehearsals** per season.
- Additional absences will result in membership status being reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Concert Dates

- We perform four to six concerts each spring (April/May) and fall (December) season.
- We often join the Heart of Texas Concert Band for their July 4th concert as well as their Christmas concert.
- Concert dates are scheduled based on venue and ringer availability.
- **You will need to be available for all concerts.**
- Most concerts are weekday evenings and require you to be at the venue from 5-9pm.
- There are occasionally concerts on weekends (concert times vary).
- There are also “small ensemble” performing opportunities. Everyone is encouraged to participate, they’re fun, and most serve as fundraisers for RCR.

Membership Costs

- Dues are currently \$25 per season.
- Ringers will be responsible for purchasing uniforms.
 - Polos, black gloves, and formal concert attire are purchased through RCR.
 - Spring and fall uniforms are different, but can be reused in future years (approx. \$75/season).
 - You are responsible for black pants/skirt and shoes. Men also wear a black, long sleeve, dress shirt.

Auditions & Results

- You will be judged on your attitude, ability to play the music, techniques, rhythm, sight reading, and ringing style.
- Results will be announced to all within two weeks of the audition.

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