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#### THE 57<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CARILLON FESTIVAL FEATURING 11 CONCERTS OVER FIVE DAYS SUNDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – FRIDAY, June 8<sup>th</sup> (No Concerts 6/6)

**[Springfield, IL]** – The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual International Carillon Festival will take place starting this Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm thru Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at historic Washington Park here in Springfield. There will be a by night on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> with no concerts. This year's Festival features 20 concerts over five days with performers from around the world, United States and even another year with local talent!

Take in performances by local musicians between International Carillon players. Including: *The Trinity Summer Band*, directed by Jan Zepp, *The Springfield Municipal Band*, directed by Tom Philbrick, the Cast from "Mama Mia!" at the Legacy Theatre, *The Springfield Saxes Saxophone Quartet*, directed by Ken Pratt and will wrap up the additional talent on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> with performances by the *Illinois Army National Guard's 144<sup>th</sup> Army Band* on our Fireworks night.

For a PDF of the Festival program with a full line-up and bios of our guest carillonists, please visit: <http://carillon-rees.org/Events/Carillon-Festival>.

The Festival is presented by the Springfield Park District – with additional financial and volunteer support from the Rees Carillon Society, The Carillon Belles, and the Washington Park Botanical Gardens. The Carillon Festival features the world's leading carillonists and is considered among the most important carillon event of its kind. Concerts are free-of-charge and take place rain or shine. Individuals and families are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnics. There will be a large viewing screen at the base of the tower to observe the performers and you won't want to miss the dedication Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for our new Viewing Monitor at the Carillon entrance which will be up year-round!

Enjoy the beauty of Washington Park and the adjacent Botanical Garden with the unique accompaniment of carillon music!



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The **Thomas Rees Memorial Carillon** is the gift of Senator Thomas Rees, publisher of Illinois State Register from 1881 until his death in 1933.

The 67 cast-bronze bells range in weight from 22 pounds to 7 ½ tons. The carillon was cast by the 300-year-old bell foundry of Petit & Fritsen, Ltd., in Aarle-Rixtel, The Netherlands. All of the bells are played manually from a keyboard located in the carillonist's cabin on level 8 of the 12-story tower.

**57<sup>th</sup> International Carillon Festival Schedule:**

**Sunday, June 3**

6:00 p.m. The Trinity Summer Band, directed by Jan Zepp  
6:30 p.m. Freek Bakker, The Netherlands  
7:15 p.m. The Trinity Summer Band, directed by Jan Zepp  
7:30 p.m. Carl Van Eyndhoven, Belgium

**Monday, June 4**

6:00 p.m. The Springfield Municipal Band, directed by Tom Philbrick  
6:30 p.m. Sue Jones and Caleb Melamed, Illinois  
7:15 p.m. The Springfield Municipal Band, directed by Tom Philbrick  
7:30 p.m. Carlo van Ulft, Illinois

**Tuesday, June 5**

6:00 p.m. The Cast from "Mamma Mia!" at the Legacy Theatre  
6:30 p.m. Carl Van Eyndhoven, Belgium  
7:15 p.m. The Cast from "Mamma Mia!" at the Legacy Theatre  
7:30 p.m. Tim Sleep, Illinois

**Thursday, June 7**

6:00 p.m. The Springfield Saxes Saxophone Quartet, directed by Ken Pratt  
6:30 p.m. Jesse Ratcliffe, West Virginia  
7:15 p.m. The Springfield Saxes Saxophone Quartet, directed by Ken Pratt  
7:30 p.m. Freek Bakker, The Netherlands

**Friday, June 8**

6:00 p.m. Illinois Army National Guard's 144th Army Band  
6:30 p.m. Carol Anne Taylor, Texas  
7:15 p.m. Illinois Army National Guard's 144th Army Band  
7:30 p.m. Carlo van Ulft, Illinois  
**Dusk Fireworks (with additional noise on the carillon provided by Carlo van Ulft)**

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