MUSIC AT CENTRAL
Paccard Carillon

Sunday, July 17, 2016
11:45 am

Carillon Program

1. Variations on a Copenhagen Chime
   Milford Myhre
   In vernalis temporis
   Piae Cantiones, 1582
   arr. H. Mollerup

2. The Butterfly
   Povl Chr. Balslev

3. Variations on Country Garden
   English morris dance
   arr. G. Köppl

4. Music from films and TV series:
   Theme from “Schindlers List”
   John Williams
   Hedvig’s theme from “Harry Potter”
   John Williams
   In Dreams from “Lord of the Rings”
   Howard Shore
   all arranged by Povl Chr. Balslev

5. I’l Overcome Some Day
   C. A. Findley
   Amazing Grace
   anon.
   Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
   anon.
   all arranged by Povl Chr. Balslev

The carillonneur will indicate the next piece in the program with the corresponding number of bell strikes.

Povl Christian Balslev
City Carillonneur, Svendborg, Denmark

Povl Christian Balslev is organ instructor at the Lagumkloster church music school and music director, cantor, and carillonneur in Our Lady’s church in Svendborg, Denmark. He studied organ in Amsterdam with Hans van Nieuwkoop and received the Diploma in church music, organ and composition from the Royal Academy of Music in 1996. He received the Carillonneur Diploma from the Nordic School of Carillons in 2003, and took master classes in carillon from Jo Haazen.

Balslev has given organ, carillon, and chamber music concerts in Denmark, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, France, Spain, Italy, England, Japan and the U.S. He has composed music for church, theater, opera, and film. Previously, Balslev was the assistant organist at St. Markus church in Copenhagen, an organ instructor at Sjaellands Kirkeumskole, and organist at Otterup church. He is also the author of a book about the Danish composer Thorvald Aagaard and his relationship with the composer Carl Nielsen.

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Forty-seven bronze bells comprise the Central Lutheran carillon. The bells were cast in Annecy, France by the Fonderie Paccard, a 250-year-old firm. The five lowest bells are mounted on a mechanism that allows them to swing, creating the peal we hear each Sunday at the conclusion of worship. The largest bell weighs 4,800 pounds. The carillon is located in a 139-foot tower, with a manual play station on the tower's sixth floor, and a remote electro-pneumatic keyboard in the east (left-side) chapel. The carillon was played for the first time at Christmas services in 2005 and dedicated on Founder's Day, Palm Sunday, 2006, marking the 87th year of Central’s ministry in the city. The tower and carillon are the gracious gift of an anonymous donor, thus completing the church building’s original 1926 design. The carillon has become a beloved part of every wedding and funeral held in the sanctuary.