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Presents

A Carillon Recital
Laura Ellis, carillonneur

Sunday, August 15, 2010
3:00 p.m.
Century Tower
Program

Solemn Sinfonia: Entrance of the Queen of Sheba
George Friedrich Handel (1685-1759)
arr. Sally Slade Warner

Three pieces for carillon
Bell canto
Seconda pratica
Last call

Jorge Variego (b. 1975)

Prelude and Fugue

Albert Gerken (b. 1937)

In memoriam – September 11, 2001
John Courter (1941-2010)
*this work is performed in memory of John Courter, a dear friend and master carillonneur, who passed away on June 21, 2010

Variations on “The Gentle Maiden”
Clifford Ball (1899-1986)

Paraphrase on “Hyfrydol”
Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

Lament and Alleluia
Alice Gomez (b. 1960)

A Tribute to Copland
John Courter (1941-2010)

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The Sunday Afternoon Concert Series continues with programs on September 12, October 17, November 21 (guest artist John Gouwens), and December 5 at 3:00 p.m. The carillon is performed daily while classes are in session from 12:35 to 12:50 p.m. and 4:55 to 5:10 p.m. The regular daily series of recitals will resume on Monday, August 23.

For more information about carillon performances please visit the carillon website: www.arts.ufl.edu/carillon

About the Carillon

Century Tower, a monument constructed in 1953 in memory of students killed in World War I and World War II, houses a cast-bell carillon. By definition, a carillon must have at least 23 fixed, finely tuned bells. The Century Tower Carillon has 61 bells, encompassing a range of 5 octaves, and is one of the largest university carillons in the United States. There are fewer than 200 carillons in all of North America, and only four can be found in the state of Florida.

The carillon is played by hand from a clavier or keyboard, with 61 keys (called “batons”) for the hands as well as 25 pedals for the feet, in a small room just below the bell chamber. The carillonneur moves the clappers of the bells with the batons and pedals while the bells remain stationary.

Through the efforts of Professor Emeritus Willis Bodine, the world-class carillon housed in Century Tower was purchased for approximately $200,000 with funds accumulated from student fees over several generations of students. These funds were earmarked by the Board of Regents and the Legislature for campus improvements in the performing arts. The carillon purchase was endorsed unanimously by the Student Senate in 1976.

The original 49 bells housed on the top floor of the tower were cast in 1978 by the firm of Koninklijke Eijsbouts (Royal Dutch Bell Foundry) of Asten, The Netherlands. The bronze bells were tuned at the foundry by carefully shaving metal from the interior of the bells and will never need re-tuning. The bells are hung individually from stainless steel bolts on a massive steel frame. The largest bell, the “bourdon,” stands five feet tall, is five feet in diameter and weighs about 7,000 pounds.

A $450,000 gift from the estate of Larry A. Webb of St. Augustine, FL, made possible major upgrading of the carillon in 2002. The renovation, carried out by Eijsbouts, included the installation of 12 additional bells (for a total of 61), improvements in the playing action, and new performance and practice claviers.