

MORE INFORMATION, AND INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LARRY AND CARLA



NAMES: For their duet performances, Larry and Carla are known by just their first names. If you need a surname, it's Sue. They both share this surname, so "Larry and Carla Sue" is correct, but "Carla Sue and Larry" is not.

RINGING STYLE: Larry and Carla use the technique known as *four-in-hand*. Note that this means they hold *two* bells in each hand, not four or eight.

MUSIC: Larry and Carla arrange all their own handbell duet music. Larry does most of the arranging, and Carla does quality control/helpful suggestions/constructive criticism. Their music is available to purchase from their music publishing company, Choraegus.com.

INTERESTING PERFORMANCES: Larry and Carla have played their handbell duets in some interesting places, including San Francisco Zoo, Yosemite National Park, at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, in almost-darkness at Abrams Planetarium in East Lansing, and at a Christmas Day celebration in a hospital ward in England. They've performed regularly, in all kinds of weather (including snow), at the Kerstmarkt, a European-style Christmas market in Holland.

THE HANDBELLS: The handbells that Larry and Carla use for their duet performances are manufactured in Pennsylvania, USA, by Malmark Bellcraftsmen. They also have a set of antique Taylor handbells from England, and a set of Malmark handchimes. They have a wish-list

ORIGINS: Larry was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area of California, and Carla was born in England. They met online when they were 5,347 miles apart, and spent time in a long-distance relationship before Carla moved to the USA and they were married in a wedding filled with handbell music! They moved to Holland, Michigan in 2016.

SUMMERS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN: Larry and Carla have a Victorian cottage at Bay View, in Petoskey, northern Michigan, where they spend their summers. They have taken part in the Bay View Week of Handbells each August since 2010. In their spare time, they enjoy walking, jigsaw puzzles, taking photos, reading, spending time with family and friends, and not-collecting chickens.