



## About Larry and Carla

Larry and Carla Sue are West Michigan's smallest handbell choir! They both started playing handbells in 1987 – Larry in California, and Carla in England.

As a member of various UK-based handbell ensembles, Carla performed in England, and also in Estonia, France, and the USA. Larry was a member and director of several handbell choirs in the San Francisco Bay Area. He is a published handbell composer, bass handbell specialist, and the author of *The Bass Ringer's Notebook*. Larry's music has been performed by handbell choirs across the world, and his original compositions and arrangements have been selected to be played at advanced-level events such as The Bay View Week of Handbells, Distinctly Bronze, and UK Bronze.

Larry and Carla first met online in 2008, on a website for handbell musicians, when they were living 5,347 miles apart. Their chance meeting was the start of a love story that would involve an 8-hour time difference, several years spent talking on Facebook and Skype, and a long visa process. They first met in person in 2010, when they both traveled to northern Michigan to take part in the annual Bay View Week of Handbells event. In 2011, they celebrated their engagement in Michigan, and when Carla was able to move from England to the USA in 2012, they were married in California and started their life together in Mountain View, CA.

Larry and Carla started performing handbell duets together in 2012, building up a wide repertoire of pieces arranged for just eight bells. In July 2016 they moved to Holland, Michigan – and since then, they have performed and taught in New York City, Georgia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Nebraska, California, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan. They arrange all their own handbell duets, and they aim to demonstrate that handbell performances are not only beautiful to listen to, but can also be graceful and interesting to watch.

Larry and Carla run their own handbell music publishing company, Choraegus, where they publish handbell music ranging from pieces that use only 6 bells, all the way up to music for choirs with 5-8 octaves. They are available to teach handbell techniques, and play duets for concerts, worship and memorial services, wedding ceremonies, parties, and Christmas and holiday events. In their spare time, they enjoy taking long walks and road-trips, doing jigsaw puzzles, and not-collecting chickens. You're welcome to connect with them on their Facebook page, where they enjoy sharing their handbell videos, and talking about their life together in Michigan.

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