



# *Capstone Recital*

## *Century Tower*

The University of Florida

Saturday, May 4, 2024

**12:00 PM**

Beth A. Blair

Carillon

### *Christian Hymns*

Southern Harmony  
Pisgah  
Wondrous Love  
Amazing Grace

arr. Ellen Dickinson

Slane (Be Thou My Vision)

arr. Sally Slade Warner

Come Thou Fount from *A Repository of Sacred Music (1813)*

arr. Theophil Rusterholz

### *Carillon Literature*

Giga (No. 96)

François Couperin (1668-1733), arr. Johan de Gruyters

The Mushroom Chimneys of Park Güell from *Gaudi's Chimneys*

John Courter (1941-2010)

To A Wild Rose from *Woodland Sketches*

Edward MacDowell (1861-1908), arr. Albert Gerken

Among the Lilies

Edward H. Frey (1862-c.a.1930), arr. Linda Dzuris

Triskaphobia

Mitchell Stecker (b. 1992)

### *From the World of Disney*

It's A Small World

Richard Sherman (b. 1928) & Robert Sherman (1925-2012), arr. Lisa Lonie

Beauty and the Beast

Alan Menken (b. 1949), arr. Frank Steijns

### *Carillon Duets (assisted by Anna Huber)*

Dance No. 6 from *Six Classical Country Dances*

Ronald Barnes (1927-1997)

Lullaby

Scott Hummel (b. 1996)

University of Florida Alma Mater

Milton L. Yeats (composed 1925) arr. Bodine/Ellis/Blair/Huber

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*About the Performer*



Beth Anais Blair (b. 2002), is a newly graduated carillon student of the University of Florida (UF) who studied under the direction of Dr. Laura Ellis. During her time at UF she received her Baccalaureate degree in nursing and a minor in music performance. Her passion for music stems all the way from childhood growing up in Milton, FL, as she studied piano from age nine to seventeen. She grew up playing piano and percussion in school and church ensembles. She became interested in the carillon after experiencing the warmth and legacy of the Century Tower bells once moving on campus her freshman year. Beth became a member of the UF Carillon Studio in January 2022 where she would go on to earn the Web Carillon Scholarship for her dedication and scholastic achievement in carillon studies. Last summer she attended the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Guild of Carillonneurs of North America Congress in Cohasset, MA where she became a member of the guild.

While a student at UF, Beth served as Vice President and President, respectively, of her Christian sorority Sigma Phi Lambda. You could often find her working at GatorWell Health Promotion Services educating students on how to lead healthy lifestyles. She was involved with her church, Greenhouse College Ministry, where she helped lead worship on piano and vocals. She was on the leadership and worship teams for the annual Really Big Worship Night that hosted 1,000+ UF students in the middle of campus.

Beth is very excited to present to you today's recital representing a mere glimpse of what she's been working on the past 2.5 years. Showcased are her favorite works that reflect genres that are important to her: Christian Hymns and Disney Tunes, as well as pieces that have shaped her studies: Carillon Literature and Duets (featuring Anna Huber). Beth's favorite memory of her time in the carillon studio is all the carillons she's gotten to travel to and her duet class with Anna. After graduation, Beth will go on to work as a registered nurse in her hometown. This summer she will serve as a camp nurse at Camp Laurel South in Casco, ME. It is her prayer that one day the carillon will find her again and that she will get to share this beloved passion with more listening ears.

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Special thanks to **Anna Huber** for assisting with this recital, all the carillon adventure memories, and being a great duet partner!



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