
School of **MUSIC**

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Laura Ellis **Carillon**

Sunday, August 25, 2019
Century Tower
3:00 p.m.

Program

Today's program was originally performed on a clear summer evening in Michigan. The listener is encouraged to imagine the stars!

Summer Song	Terry Vaughan (1915-1996)
Moonlight Malagueña	Karel Keldermans (b. 1950)
Nocturne from <i>A Midsummer's Night Dream</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) arr. Leen 't Hart
For the Planet with the Smallest Voice	Gabriel Lubell (b. 1983)
Saga of the Stars (Divertimento for Carillon) I. Northern Lights (Prelude) II. Orion's Belt (Fuguetta) III. Midnight Minuet (Intermezzo) IV. Evening Star (Romanza) V. Starlight Festival (Finale)	Geoffrey Cook (b. 1948)
Asteroids	Gary White (b. 1937)
Improvisation on "Star Dust"	Ellis

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The UF Carillon Studio Concert Series continues with 3PM programs on September 22 (celebration of the 40th anniversary of the installation of the UF Carillon), November 17, and December 1 (holiday program). Be sure to join us at 7:30PM on October 31 for the combined organ/carillon Halloween Spooktacular!

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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 traditional carillons in all of North America, and only three 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 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 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.