

Bell Tree Beginnings

Where to start?



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Create a dowel bell tree pole

- Inexpensive, introduction to bell tree
- Distance ringing
- Doing more with less
- Very stable and easy to use
- Mobile – processional, antiphonal, add mystery
- Range of solo to ensemble
- Minimal space requirements
- Great for all ages

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Limitations

- One tree per stick
- One mallet
- Holding it for extended time
- Takes time to change bells if ringing multiple pieces

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[Dowel Bell Tree pole instructions](#)

Bell Tree Repository

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yqe_foZ8SuPuA-zKnidnTMpFXiHq6V8b/view?usp=sharing

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[How to string a Bell Tree – video](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuitJiau0Qw>

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[How to put BT on dowel processional pole video](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVSQSGorY_g

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Equipment

Mallets
Holder
Spacers

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What to Ring?

- One Octave melodies ([1st String C6-C7](#)) – BT Repository, Resource Lists folder <https://drive.google.com/file/d/3lEzYdHzDUD7V6hVMuMNRUCGR81ytzaDC/view?usp=sharing>
- Grab & Go Series - Brocker
- Hymn Embellishments
- String bells needed to ring other melodies (e.g. Sacred Head Now Wounded)
- Processional/Intro to Hymn
- Multiple trees with multiple ringers (duet & trio)

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Resources

- Belltree-I Google Group <https://groups.google.com/u/2/g/belltree-i>
- Bell Tree Repository - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XTaeYY-Ag53NvK-3tN4WrVYsnULd-vdE?usp=sharing>
- The Creative Use of Handbells in Worship & No 2; Hal Hopson - Hope Publishing Company
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Resources

Area 7 Handbell Musicians of America Bell Tree Loan Program
contact CHIME Chair, Michelle Finlon
Information available on Area 7 website

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