



THE ERNEST BLOCH BELL RINGERS  
PRESENT

A HOLIDAY CONCERT FOR THE COAST!

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

VOCALISTS SITA MILCHEV AND THE ALLEN SISTERS,  
PIANIST GLORIA WOOD AND KARL YOUNG ON SHAKUHACHI

Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.  
Gualala Arts Center

Tickets are \$10 in advance,  
\$5 more on the day of the performance.  
Children 12 and under are free.

Local Eyes will present "A Holiday Concert for the Coast" featuring the Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers on Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m.

This year the Melodic Bells will be joined by internationally acclaimed vocalist Sita Milchev, along with her granddaughters, the Allen Sisters.

As usual, there will be a sing-along as part of the program. Audience members are invited to bring their Messiah songbooks and sing with the bells on the Hallelujah Chorus.

**A brief history of the Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers**

Our Mendonoma Coast had been without bells for a time when Sita Milchev's mother, artist, Lucienne Bloch Dimitroff, suggested to Sita that the family purchase a set of English Hand Bells using funds from the estate of Sita's grandfather, the composer, Ernest Bloch. Sita and her family, along with other early enthusiasts, kept the bells ringing for many years, to the delight of coast residents.

In its current incarnation, the Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers began playing in 1998, starting out with just four ringers - Sita, Jeanne Jackson, Gloria Brown and Bea Acosta. The group quickly grew and the bells once again rang out on the coast, including the '98 Pt. Arena 4th of July parade where the group won the Grand Prize.

Since then, the bell ringers have performed regularly at Art in the Redwoods, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, and at various concerts and functions. Each year the bell ringers have performed to benefit various community groups. Meeting every Monday at the home of Richard and Jeanne Jackson, this group

delights in playing a wide range of music.

Our local bell ringers ring 4½ octaves of beautiful English Hand Bells and this concert is not to be missed. For more information, contact Jeanne Jackson at [jackson2@mcn.org](mailto:jackson2@mcn.org).

WORKSHOP PLANNING

The workshop committee is planning future workshops and would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

1. Would you be interested in a beginning oil painting workshop with materials included in the cost?
2. Are you interested in any other specific workshops?

Please contact Gerda Randolph at 785-2206

BAKERS NEEDED!

Cook up coffee cake, muffins, or cookies (in our kitchen or yours on Mondays) to treat our Tuesday morning volunteer maintenance crew on their coffee/tea break. This crew does hard labor and needs sustenance to work throughout the morning. Depending on how many bakers we have, your turn may only be once every one or two months. Dig out your recipes! Fill the air with sweet aromas and make our volunteer crew very happy. Contact Karen at the Gualala Arts Center at 707-884-1138 or [Karen@GualalaArts.org](mailto:Karen@GualalaArts.org).