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The Utah Valley Handbell Choir is returning to the Springville Art Museum for what has become an annual Christmas event. Sponsored by the Springville Arts Commission, the one-hour concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m. The concert is free to the public.

Long-time handbell follower, Christine Anderson, has been attending the Utah Valley Handbell Choir's concerts for the past six years. "The Christmas season is not complete without going to a handbell choir concert," she said. "Not only are the concerts fun to listen to, they're also fun to watch. I like the family-friendly environment at each concert, and I enjoy the variety of the music and techniques."

The Utah Valley Handbell Choir was formed in 1993. The choir consists of 56 bells, cast in bronze or aluminum, and each tuned to a single note. Choir members volunteer their time, and starting in September meet for two hours each week to prepare for the Christmas concert season. As a community group, the choir is free to perform at a variety of settings, including churches, festivals and fairs, corporate parties and public venues.

One of the choir's purposes is to educate audiences about handbells. The director, Karen Eskew-Wyllie, encourages questions and often includes audience participation in their concerts.

She said, "As a director, handbells are a lot of work, but it's definitely a labor of love. Between the audience responses and relationships I've developed within the group, I find it extremely rewarding."

In celebration of 15 years together, the Utah Valley Handbell Choir has recorded a new Christmas CD, titled "Our Christmas Favorites." The CD includes audience and choir members' favorite Christmas songs such as "Sleigh Ride" by LeRoy Anderson and Martha Lynn Thompson, "Carol of the Bells" by Arnold Sherman, and a medley of songs from Peter I. Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" arranged by Kevin McChesney.

This CD, as well as their other CD's, "Bells of Christmas" and "InspireRing Hymns," will be available for sale at their concerts.

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