## JOY RINGERS, JOY SINGERS INSTRUMENTALISTS

A MUSICAL MESSAGE OF HOPE, LOVE AND JOY!



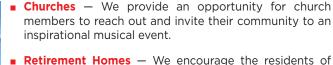




### **CREATIVELY SERVING**

ARISE Joy Ringers, Joy Singers and Instrumentalists, under the direction of E. Martene Craig, are from several churches in the Inland Empire. They share a wide repertoire of music including spirituals, well known hymns and gospel songs, folk and show tunes, country, patriotic and seasonal selections. The awesome sound of the bells combined with striking vocals makes the presentation a memorable event. They serve in a variety of venues.









■ Community Organizations — We have many civic involvements which include participating with the Ontario Chaffey Community Show Band at the beautiful Gardiner Spring Auditorium in Ontario.

senior living facilities, such as Hillcrest in La Verne and Merrill Gardens in Rancho Cucamonga, to participate as we take a trip down memory lane with familiar songs and surprises. We look forward to fellowship afterwards.



Prisons — There is no greater need for the message of hope, love and joy.



Patriotic — We present musical selections which share our love for God and country. We also recognize first responders and each branch of the military as an integral part of this program and in all of our ministries.



 Christmas — We share the Joy of Christmas, a celebration of the season, at the Hillcrest Meeting House in La Verne and other local venues.



Visit martene.org for more information and our current schedule.





#### **AUDITION/INTERVIEW**

If you or someone you know is interested in joining in ministry we encourage you to call for an appointment. Reading music is a prerequisite for handbell players, vocalists, and instrumentalists. Qualified crew members (sound, lighting and media) also play an important role.

#### BOOKING

The group is available for presentations in the local and surrounding areas. Love offerings, honorariums, or tax-deductible donations are accepted. Call or email for appointments or booking information.

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# PROFESSIONALLY SPEAKING

E. Martene Craig

People might say Martene is all about music (and the color red). Actually, she is all about people!

She is currently Executive Director and Founder of ARISE (Arts in Service). Martene received her music education at Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio and is also a graduate of California State University at Fullerton and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she graduated with highest honors. Martene is ordained by the Evangelical Church Alliance.

Martene served over 25 years as Minister of Music developing extensive graded choral and instrumental programs. Having established a School of Fine Arts in the church setting, she went on to found and administrate ARISE Academy of the Arts which included a performing arts theatre. She taught, directed and produced Broadway style productions and Pasadena's Rose Bowl Fourth of July AMERICAFEST. Martene is well known as the creator and director of the 'Round-the-Table Carol Sings which was held annually at the LA County Fairplex. This televised Christmas extravaganza began with 200 participants and an audience of 1200 and grew to involve 1200 participants with annual audiences of 14,000. She also created and directed the annual SPRINGsation, a unique and inspiring event featuring a community choir and orchestra, three handbell choirs and media held at the Bonita Center for the Arts in San Dimas, CA. Also featured were representatives from each branch of the military with Boy Scouts displaying the flags.

Under her leadership, musical groups have performed on radio and television and have toured extensively as musical missionaries and ambassadors of goodwill throughout the United States, Canada, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, South America, and Europe.

Martene has taught seminars in many musical conferences such as Christian Artist Seminars in Estes Park, CO for twenty six years and in Europe, Asia, South America and annually at MUSICalifornia in San Diego, CA.

Throughout her ministry, Martene's dedication and vision have been the inspirational force behind many youth and adults who are now actively involved in the arts.

### **IMPRESSIONS**



MUSICalifornia Ray DeVries Church Music Award

REV. TOM DEVRIES E. MARTENE CRAIG O.D. HALL, JR.

"Martene Craig has long been a defining force in Christian worship and the arts, and she continues to inspire and motivate through her dynamic teaching ministry. I don't have words at my command to describe the impact she has made and is making. Martene is always on the leading edge of innovation, but her focus is always on the development of the artistic and spiritual gifts of the individual. Many are effectively leading in churches and schools today because of her inspired ministry."

O.D. HALL, Jr., Composer/Arranger, Director of MUSICalifornia, Mission Hills, CA

"I love you [Martene] for your love for the ministry and for your infectiousness. It rubs off on all of us. More than likely I would not have written 'Specially for Shepherds had it not been for your insistence. It is just ink on paper until you and your choirs, soloists and instrumentalists put it all together and make it come alive. I thank you for all you mean to us."

Ralph Carmichael Composer/Arranger, Woodland Hills, CA

"I attended one of her seminars at the Christian Artists' Seminars in Estes Park. The material she presented was diverse and practical. Carrying a stack of her handouts, I left the conference knowing I'd found a dynamic clinician who had a passion to impact lives and ministries."

Susan Zartman

Hosanna! Administrator Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, OH

"Her energy level is like an atomic explosion ... anything Martene does with music comes off like pure magic. Her groups sparkle with disciplined musicianship which is an outstanding credit to her capability as a director."

Paul Johnson Composer/Arranger, Nashville, TN

"I've yet to unravel the mystery of how God packed so much experience, enthusiasm, energy, and encouragement into one small woman. Just one taste of this amazing woman's bounty of experience with reaching people through the arts and I guarantee you'll order everything on the menu!" Susan Lenzkes

Christian Author/Speaker, San Diego, CA

"The program arrangements were excellent and very professional. Your use of many art modes was very fresh and delightful. Many people were so impressed by your spirit that they came to see you several times. This speaks well of your ability."

David Chu

Executive Director, Youth For Christ, Hong Kong

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