Is the Tower ever open to the Public?

Members at the Donor level and above can view the Founder’s Room on one of four tours conducted each year.

BELOW THE SINGING TOWER

Architect: Milton B. Medary (Philadelphia)

Purpose: To house the carillon; serve as a centerpiece for the Gardens; the private use of the Bok family

Built: 1927-1929

Height: 205 feet (62.5 meters)

Weight: 5,500 tons (5,000 metric tons)

Structure: Steel frame with brick walls; outer facing of pink and gray Georgia marble and Florida coquina, a limestone of shell and coral fragments

Foundation: 118 reinforced concrete piles, 13-24 feet (4-7 meters) underground with a concrete cap of 2.5 feet (0.8 meter)

Sculpture: Lee Lawrie (New York City); herons at the top, eagles at the base of the bellchamber; all sculptures were carved on-site

Colorful Grilles near the top:
Ceramic tiles designed by J.H. Dulles Allen (Philadelphia)

Brass Door and Wrought-iron Gates with Birds:
Samuel Yellin (Philadelphia); depicts the Biblical story of Creation

Inscription under the Sundial:
This Singing Tower with its adjacent Sanctuary was dedicated and presented to the American people by Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, February 1, 1929.

Bellfounder: John Taylor Bellfounders, Ltd. (Loughborough, England)

Size: 60 bronze bells

Bell weight:
Smallest bell at 16 lbs.
Largest bell at 11+ tons (10+ metric tons)
Total of 63+ tons (57+ metric tons)
### Monday at 1:00 p.m.
**Historic Recording by William De Turk**

#### English Carols
- Ding Dong Merrily on High
- The First Noel
- What Child is This
- Good King Wenceslas

**American Carols**
- O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head
- I Wonder as I Wander

**French Carols**
- When the Shepherd Goes to the Field
- Angels We Have Heard on High
- He is Born, the Divine Christ Child

**Carols**
- On This Day Earth Shall Ring
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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### Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.
**Historic Recording by William De Turk**

#### European Carols
- Ding Dong Merrily on High
- Here We Come a Caroling
- Deck the Hall in 7/8 time
- O Christmas Tree
- Pat-a-Pan
- Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

**19th Century Carols**
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- O Little Town of Bethlehem [two versions]

**Traditional Christmas Hymns**
- O Come, All Ye Faithful
- On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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### Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
**Historic Recording by William De Turk**

#### Intrada Serenade I for carillon
- Ronald Barnes

#### Three Carols
- I Wonder as I Wander
- Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head
- Introduction & Sicilienne for carillon

#### Three English Carols
- The First Noel
- Good King Wenceslas
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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### Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
**Historic Recording by William De Turk**

#### Seasonal Music
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- Divinum Mysterium
- In Dulci Jubilo [3 settings]
- O Christmas Tree
- Pat-a-Pan
- Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

**American Carols**
- O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

**French Carols**
- When the Shepherd Goes to the Field
- Angels We Have Heard on High

**Carols**
- On This Day Earth Shall Ring
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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### Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.
**Historic Recording by William De Turk**

#### Seasonal Music
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- Divinum Mysterium
- In Dulci Jubilo [3 settings]
- O Christmas Tree
- Pat-a-Pan
- Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

**American Carols**
- O Little Town of Bethlehem
- Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

**French Carols**
- When the Shepherd Goes to the Field
- Angels We Have Heard on High

**Carols**
- On This Day Earth Shall Ring
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**Tradition of Excellence**

Anton Brees (Antwerp, Belgium) served as our first carillonneur from 1928 until his death in 1967. Named in his honor, the Anton Brees Carillon Library is the largest and most comprehensive carillon library in the world.

Milford Myhre retired in June 2004 after 36 years as our carillonneur. He obtained his musical training at the University of Nebraska, the University of Michigan and the Royal Carillon School “Jef Denyn” in Belgium. President for both the GCNA and the World Carillon Federation, he has performed on three continents during his distinguished career of more than 50 years.

William (Bill) De Turk was director of carillon services from July 1, 2004 to October 31, 2011, after serving as assistant carillonneur and librarian since 1993. A native of the Philadelphia area, he received a bachelor of music degree cum honore from Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, and master of music degree in organ performance from the University of Michigan.

Geert D’hollander was named Bok Tower Gardens’ fourth full-time carillonneur in October 2012 and is one of the finest in the world. He has studied piano, chamber music, choral and orchestral direction, fugue, and composition at the Royal Conservatory in Antwerp, Belgium, and carillon at the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium. He has taken first prize in more than 30 international competitions for carillon or composition.