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.

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
Coloful 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

Inside the Singing Tower

1. Founder’s Room
2. Chao Research Center (Archives)
3. Maintenance Workshop
4. Anton Brees Carillon Library
5. Carillonneur’s Studio
6. Keyboard Room
7. Carillon (60 bells)

Clock Music

Announcing the hour strike:

What Child Is This            English
9:00   I Wonder As I Wander    Appalachian
9:30   Come, All Ye Children   Spanish, Castilian
10:00  Deck The Halls          Welsh
10:30  Pat-a-pan                French
11:00  We Three Kings          John Hopkins, Jr.
11:30  Now It Is Jul Again      Scandinavian
12:00  The Holly And The Ivy    English
12:30  Angels We Have Heard On High French

1:00  CONCERT
2:00  O Desired Day             Catalonian
2:30  Sweetest Night Of All     Flemish, 1728
3:00  CONCERT
4:00  Come, All Ye Shepherds    Bohemian
4:30  Gabriel’s Message         French, Basque
5:00  O Little T own Of Bethlehem Louis H. Redner
5:30  Let All Mortal Flesh      French, Picardy

Adaptations for carillon of melodies or of music written for other instruments have been made by the recitalist, except for those arrangers identified by the following:
* Anton Brees

Carillon

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)
Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander

African American Spirituals
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!
Mary had a baby
Shout for Joy

18th Century Dutch Traditions
A Child Born in Bethlehem
Let us Praise that Child
Welcome, Child of Mary

Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Sleigh Ride
Leroy Anderson

Thursday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander

Czech and Polish Traditions
Jesu, Jesu, Baby Dear
Infant holy, Infant lowly

18th Century Dutch Traditions
The Shepherds Came by Night
Shepherds, He is Born
Look How This Little Child Suffers

Improvisation on Seasonal Music

The most Wonderful Day of the Year
Johnny Marks

Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander

NEW YEAR’S DAY

Christmas Carols arr. R. Barnes
Lord Jesus hath a Garden Dutch Traditional
Good King Wenceslas English Traditional
The Holy and the Ivy English Traditional
Carol of the Bells M. D. Leontovich
O Little Town of Bethlehem L. H. Redner

Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer Johnny Marks

Friday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander

NEW YEAR’S DAY

French Christmas Carols arr. R. Barnes
Musette French Dance, c. 1735
Quand le Berger va au Champ
When the shepherd goes to the field, c. 1700
Voix la Nouvelle Here’s the story
Il est né le Divin Enfant
He is born, the Divine Child
O Journée Desiree
O Day we Desired, Catalan Carol
Noël pour L’amour de Marie
Troubadour Song, 12th Century

Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Go Tell it on the Mountain African American Spiritual

Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Wade FitzGerald

Introduction
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring J. S. Bach arr. A. Gerken

Sounds of the Season
Angels We Have Heard on High arr. M. Myhre
God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen arr. R. Barnes
The Holly and the Ivy arr. Myhre
Paraphrase on O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Silent Night Franz Gruber arr. Gerken
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. Gerken

Closing
Across the Universe The Beatles

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Wade FitzGerald

PEACE ON EARTH

Christmas Carols
Let it Snow! Let it Snow! 1945 Julie Styne
Carol of the Bells 1904 Mykola D. Leontovich 1877-1921
Sleigh Ride 1946 Leroy Anderson
Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer 1939 J. Marks
Winter Wonderland 1934 F. Bernard
All I Want for Christmas 1944 D. Gardner

Christmas Spirituals
Rise up, shepherd — Shout for Joy — Mary had a baby

Silent Night German Traditional

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander

Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander

NEW YEAR’S DAY

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