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.

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)

Announcing the hour strike:

What Child Is This
English

I Wonder As I Wander
Appalachian

Come, All Ye Children
Spanish, Castilian

Deck The Halls
Welsh

Pat-a-pan
French

We Three Kings
John Hopkins, Jr.

Now It Is Jul Again
Scandinavian

The Holly And The Ivy
English

Angels We Have Heard On High
French

CONCERT

O Desired Day
Catalonian

Sweetest Night Of All
Flemish, 1728

CONCERT

Come, All Ye Shepherds
Bohemian

Gabriel’s Message
French, Basque

O Little Town Of Bethlehem
Louis H. Redner

Let All Mortal Flesh
French, Picardy

Keep Silence

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

* Bok Tower Gardens

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BOKTOWERGARDENS.ORG
Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
American Christmas Songs
Rudolph – ‘T was the Night before Christmas
Beyond the Sunset – The most Wonderful Day of the Year
Mistletoe and Holly – When Santa Claus gets your Letter
Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Thursday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
16th Century Dutch Traditions
The Virgin Mary – He was Born in the Morning Dew
Us is Born a Holy Child
Australian Carols by William G. James, 1892-1977
Country Carol – Christmas Bush for His Adorning
Carol of the Birds – Christmas Day
Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
Christmas Carols
Oh, How Joyfully – Angels We Have Heard on High
What Child is this? – Deck the Halls – Silent Night
Christmas Songs
Let it Snow! – Carol of the Bells – Sleigh Ride
African American Christmas Spirituals
Rise up, shepherd – Shout for Joy – Mary had a baby

Friday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Wim Ruitenbeek
FLORIDA CARILLON FESTIVAL
Advent
Adventí ének Zoltán Kodály 1882-1967
arr. G. Bodden
Advent Fantasie John Couuter 1941-2010
Jenkins Chorals
Lullay & Son of Maria Karl Jenkins b. 1944
Ukrainian Christmas Medley
Nowa Radust’Stala & Schredivka
Carol of the Bells M.D. Leontovich 1877-1921
At the Movies
Where Are You Christmas? from “How the Grinch…”
Walking in the Air from “The Snowman”
Popular finale
Merry Christmas Elton John b. 1947
Happy Xmas War is Over John Lennon 1940-1980

Friday at 4:30 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
STARRY, STARRY NIGHT
Starry, Starry Night Don McLean
Star Trek Theme Alexander Courage
It’s all about the Moon
Blue Moon – Fly me to the Moon – Moon River
It’s Only a Paper Moon – Moonlight Serenade
Star Wars Selection John Williams
Stairway to Heaven Led Zeppelin

Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
Christmas Carols arr. R. Barnes
Lord Jesus harth a Garden Dutch Traditional
Good King Wenceslas English Traditional
The Holy and the Iy English Traditional
Carol of the Bells M. D. Leontovich 1877-1921
O Little Town of Bethlehem L. H. Rednet 1831-1908
Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
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
“Voice la Novelle” Here’s the story
“He is born, the Divine Child”
“O Journée Desiree” Catalan Carol
“The Christmas Tree” Troubadour Song, 12th Century
Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
American Christmas Songs
Rudolph… Johnny Marks 1909-1985
Beyond the Sunset B. K. Brock 1888-1958
’T was the Night before Christmas Johnny Marks
The most Wonderful Day of the Year Johnny Marks
Mistletoe and Holly F. Sinatra 1915-1998
When Santa Claus gets your Letter Johnny Marks
Improvisation on Seasonal Music

Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Live performance by Geert D’hollander
16th Century Dutch Traditions
The Virgin Mary was Chosen
He was Born in the Morning Dew
Us is Born a Holy Child
Australian Carols by William G. James, 1892-1977
Country Carol The Oxen
Carol of the Birds
Christmas Bush for His Adorning
Christmas Day
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Christmas Alphabet 1954 Buddy Kaye 1918-2002