

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.

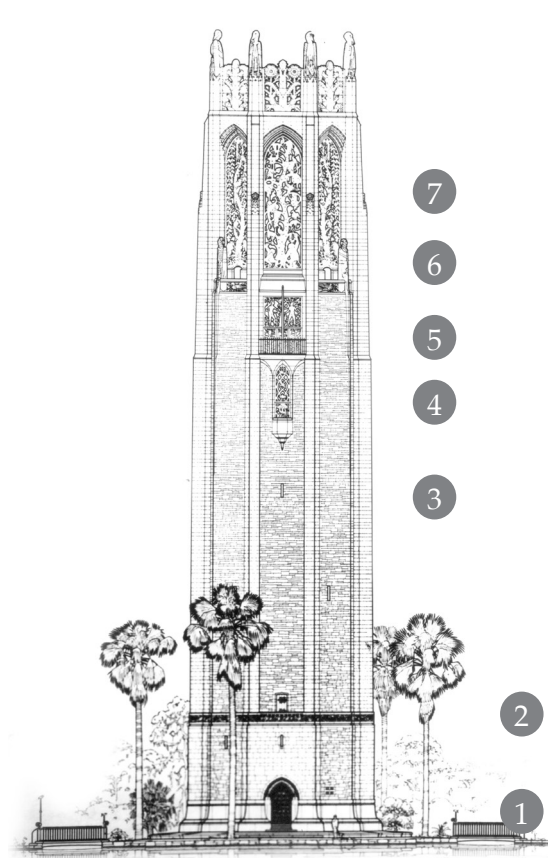
CARILLON

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)

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)

Is the Tower ever open to the Public?
Members at the Brass Door level and above receive an exclusive tour of the Founder’s Room.

CLOCK MUSIC

Announcing the hour strike:		
Lake Wales Nocturne (<i>excerpt</i>)		Johan Franco
9:00	Prelude	Johann Sebastian Bach
9:30	Sarabande (<i>for carillon</i>)	Benoit Franssen
10:00	Somber Pavane (<i>for carillon</i>)	Ronald Barnes
10:30	Andante	Joseph H. Fiocco
11:00	Spring Morning (<i>for carillon</i>)	Geert D’hollander
Sorrowing		
11:30	Andante (<i>for carillon</i>)	Ronald Barnes
12:00	Prelude VI (<i>for carillon</i>)	Matthias vanden Gheyn
12:30	Chaconne *	Auguste Durant
1:00	CONCERT	
2:00	Dreaming (<i>for carillon</i>)	Geert D’hollander
2:30	Andante (<i>for carillon</i>)	Ioannes de Gruijtters
3:00	CONCERT	
4:00	Waltz	Edvard Grieg
4:30	Cortege (<i>for carillon</i>)	John Courter
5:00	La Volta	William Byrd
5:30	Solveig’s Song *	Edvard Grieg

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

DAILY CARILLON MUSIC

SEPT ~~29~~ - OCT 1, 2025

Carillon Concerts at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.



Monday at 1:00p.m.

Historic Recording by Milford Myhre

Prelude from *Cello Suite No. 6* Johann S. Bach
arr. Albert Gerken

Hymns

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Olivet *arr. P. Price*
Go to Dark Gethsemane Petra *arr. A. Gerken*
O Sacred Head Telenann *arr. A. Gerken*

Folk Music from British Isles

The Jolly Miller of the Dee England *arr. R. Barnes*
Greensleeves England *arr. M. Myhre*
Goodbye, My Lover Goodbye Ireland *arr. J. Lannoy*
Loch Lomond Scotland *arr. M. Myhre*

Monday at 3:00p.m.

Historic Recording by Milford Myhre

Hymn-Preludes Roy Hamlin Johnson

With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh
Forty Days and Forty Nights

Tunes for Clay’s Musical Clock George Fr. Händel
Minuet – Aria – Air
Pastel in Bronze *for carillon, 1974* Albert Gerken

Music from Folklore

Vive la Canadienne! French Canada
Little Rock on the High Mountain French Canada
The Jolly Miller of the Dee England *arr. R. Barnes*
The Vicar of Bray England
Carnival of the Animals Camille Saint-Saens
Tortoises

Tuesday at 1:00p.m.

Historic Recording by Milford Myhre

Allegro Ioannes de Grujtters

A Popular Selection

If David Gates
arr. Gary White

Dutch Carillon Composition

Old Rondeau for carillon *1974* Wim Franken

Caribbean Folk Song

There Once was a Little Boat Puerto Rico
arr. Raymond Keldermans

American Carillon Compositions

Melodeon for carillon *1982* Timothy Hurd
Flamenco for carillon *1980* Ronald Barnes

Tuesday at 3:00p.m.

Historic Recording by Milford Myhre

Prelude for Carillon Ronald Barnes

Music of Johann Sebastian Bach

Prelude in C Major
Siciliano
Bist du bei mir
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring
Rondino for carillon J.H. Kersbergen
Lake Music for carillon Terry Vaughan

A Popular Selection

Let Me Call You Sweetheart Leo Friedman
Over There George Cohan
Till We Meet Again Richard Whiting
Smiles Lee Roberts

Wednesday at 1:00p.m.

Historic Recording by Milford Myhre

Prelude No. 3 for carillon Matthias vanden Gheyn

Hymn-Preludes

Fairest Lord Jesus German
Faith of Our Fathers Henry F. Hemy
The Old Refrain Fritz Kreisler
arr. Anton Brees

A Girlfriend or a Wife W. A. Mozart
arr. P. Price

Music from Folklore

Chanson Populaire arr. N. Yepes
Romance arr. N. Yepes
Minuet & Trio for carillon Staf Nees

Wednesday at 3:00p.m.

Historic Recording by William De Turk

Prelude for Carillon Ronald Barnes

Hymn Arrangements for Carillon

Holy, Holy, Holy John B. Dykes
The Spacious Firmament on High Joseph Haydn
The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

Three Pieces for Carillon

Rigaudon Geo Clement
Paraphrase on a Siciliana of Pasquale Ricci R. Barnes
Reverie Mark Peterson

Film Music by Nino Rota

La Dolce Vita *The Sweet Life*
Love Theme *from Romeo & Juliet*
Love Theme *from The Godfather*

A 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.