

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.

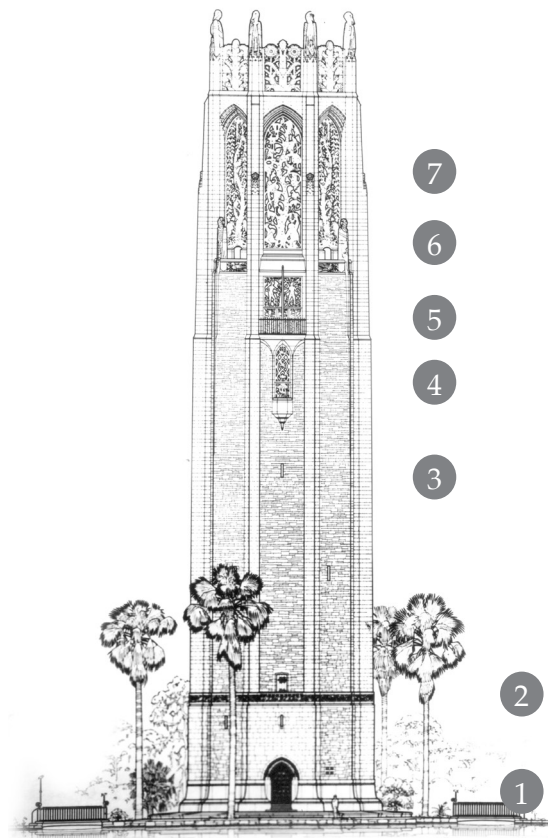
CARILLON

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 can receive an exclusive tour of the Founder's Room.

CLOCK MUSIC

Announcing the hour strike:		
Ring, Bells, Ring	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart	
9:00	Blow Away the Morning Dew	England
	Morning Has Broken	Ireland
9:30	The Rainbow Connection	William & Ascher
10:00	Prelude No. 3	Matthias vanden Gheyn
	The Old Refrain	Fritz Kreisler
	Ballet of the Ducklings	Robert Lannoy
10:30	Sketch for Carillon	Katherine M. Warne
11:00	Amelia's Story	Catalonia
11:30	Listen to the Mocking Bird	Anonymous
12:00	Allegretto for the Sarabande	Franz J. Haydn
	The King's Majesty	Francis Poulenc
		Graham George
12:30	The Street Where You Live	Frederick Loewe
1:00	CONCERT	
2:00	Roses White and Roses Red	Sir Arthur Sullivan
2:30	The Swan	Camille Saint-Saens
3:00	CONCERT	
4:00	America, The Beautiful	Samuel A. Ward
4:30	Tenting Tonight	Walter Kittredge
5:00	Sunrise, Sunset	Jerry Bock
5:30	Lead, Kindly Light	John B. Dyke

DAILY CARILLON MUSIC

NOVEMBER 13 - 16, 2025

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



Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Music from the Romantic Era		
Prelude Op. 28 No. 15	Frédéric Chopin	1810-1849
Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2		
Waltz Op. 12 No. 2	E. Grieg	1843-1907

Two Contemporary Carillon Compositions		
Two Festive Pieces 1986	Wilfried Westerlinck	
Fieriezza		b. 1945
Poco Allegro		
Labyrinth 1987	Geert D'hollander	b. 1965

Improvisation on the hits from the 30's

Thursday at 3:00p.m.
Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Baroque Selection		
Prelude No. 6	M. vanden Gheyn	1721-1785
Andante 1746	Ioannes de Gruijtters	1709-1772

“Baroque Suite” 1993, for carillon		
Prelude	Werner van Cleemput	1930-2006
Sarabande		
Menuet		
Rigaudon		

North American Carillon Music		
Introduction and Sicilienne	Ronald Barnes	1927-1997

Improvisation on hits from the 40's

Friday at 1:00 p.m.
Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

English Baroque Music		
From the “Water Music” Suite	George Fr. Handel	
Allegro – Air – Minuet I & II – Hornpipe		1685-1759
Adagio for Glass Harmonica		
	W. A. Mozart	1756-1791

A Composition by the performer		
From “Ludus Modalis II” 10 Carillon Studies, 2012		
Geert D'hollander	b. 1965	
Playful Syncopations – A Little Carousel		
Toccatina – Invention		

Improvisation on hits from the 50's

Friday at 3:00 p.m.
Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Flemish Baroque Music		
Sonate in D Minor <i>for Recorder & b.c.</i>	J.-B. Loeillet	
Largo – Allegro – Largo Affetuoso – Gigue		1688-1720

Romantic Selection		
Danish Romance No. 1 <i>for Carillon</i>	S.van Balkom	1922-2004
Woodland Sketches <i>for Piano</i>	Edward MacDowell	
At An Old Trysting Place		1861-1908
To a Wild Rose	arr. Bert Gerken	

A Composition by the performer		
From “Ludus Modalis II” 10 Carillon Studies, 2012		
Geert D'hollander	b. 1965	

Rippling Water – Sorry, No Time! – Orff's Dance

Improvisation on hits from the 60's

Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Late Romantic North-American Carillon Music		
A Somber Pavan	Ronald Barnes	1927-1997
Sonorities & Toccata Festevole	John Courter	
<i>from Suite No. 1</i>		1942-2010

Two Manuscripts from the Tower's Library		
Golden Crown	Spiritual	
Had You but Known	L. Denza	1846-1922
	arr. A. Brees	

Flemish Romantic Carillon Music		
Prelude & Minuet	J. Van Hoof	1886-1959

Improvisation

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Elemental Concert		
Y.M.C.A.	The Village People	
Copacabana	Barry Manilow	
Money, Money, Money	ABBA	
September	Earth, Wind & Fire	
Stayin' Alive	Bee Gees	
I Will Survive	Gloria Gaynor	
Hot Stuff	Donna Summer	
Heart of Glass	Blondie	
Upside Down <i>print on Musicnotes!</i>	Diana Ross	
Cuba <i>print on Musicnotes!</i>	The Gibson Brothers	

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
Historic Recording by Milford Myhre

Prelude <i>from Cello Suite No. 6</i>	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

Sunday at 3:00 p.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 <i>for carillon, 1974</i>	Albert Gerken
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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	