

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)

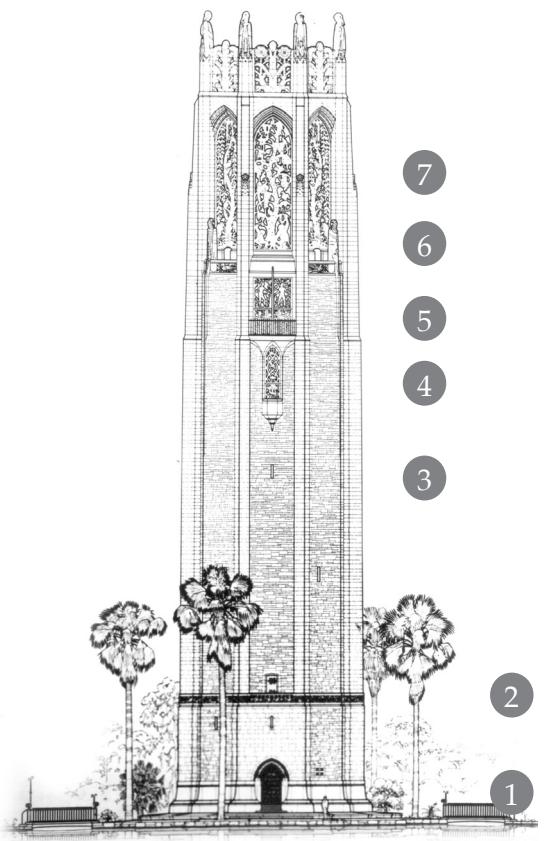
Brass Door and Wrought-iron Gates with Birds:
Samuel Yellin (Philadelphia); depicts the Biblical story of Creation

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



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

JANUARY 22 - 25, 2026

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



**BOK TOWER
GARDENS**



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Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Contemporary North American Carillon Music

Four Miniatures Geert D'hollander *b. 1965*

- Spring Flowers at the U.S. Capitol Grounds
- The Reflection Pond at Bok Tower
- A Court Dance at the Biltmore Gardens
- Central Park in the Fall

North American Carillon Music

From "Suite in Popular Style" John Courter
1942-2010

Ragtime Bells – Ballad – Blues for Bells

Gershwin Selection 1898-1937

The Man I love – It ain't necessarily so
Bess you is my Woman now – 'S Wonderful

Improvisation on a hit from the 20's

Thursday at 3:00p.m.

Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Improvisation on a hit from the 40's

Two Aria's by Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Adagio from the "Italian Concerto", BWV971
Aria "on the G String" from the Suite, BWV1068

From the Tower's Archives

Sonata in C Major Daniel G. Steibelt *1765-1823*
Allegro Risoluto arr. Brees
Andante – Rondo Turc

Improvisation on a hit from the 30's

Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Music from the late Classical Era

Sonatina III for Guitar, Op. 71 Mauro Giuliani
1781-1829

- Andantino
- Tempo di Marcia
- Scherzo
- Finale

Two Spirituals

Golden Crown
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen

Improvisation on hits from the 40's

Friday at 3:00 p.m.

Live Performance by Geert D'hollander

Two Compositions by the Performer

Bell Canto 2010 Geert D'hollander
Anzac Echoes 2015 *b. 1965*

The Berghuis Manuscript Collection 1741-1801

Sonata in F Major Johannes Berghuis *1724-1801*
Allegro – Cantabile
Sonata in G Major Johann A. Just *1750-1791*
Allegro – Grazioso – Menuet – Allegro

Salon Music

Oriental Waltz Phil Polin
"Melodie D'Amour" H. Englemann

Improvisation on a hit from the 50's

Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Live Performance by Rowan Shih
Blanchard Carillon Fellow

Lament and Alleluia

Alice Gomez *b. 1960*

Music about Nighttime

Carillon at Twilight John Gouwens *b. 1957*
Campane a sera Nino Rota *1911-1979*
City of Stars Justin Hurwitz *b. 1985*
arr. Joey Brink
The Moon Represents My Heart Weng Ch.-hsi
1936-2012
arr. Annie Gao

Disney Villains

Gaston Alan Menken *b. 1949*
arr. Frank Steijns
Poor Unfortunate Souls A. Menken

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North American Carillon Music

Intrada Ronald Barnes *1927-1997*
Sicilienne R. Barnes
Le roi des amoureux Émilien Allard *1915-1976*
Arabesque É. Allard
Children's Song Jean Miller *1929-2014*
Invocation Joey Brink *b. 1988*

60's Movie Music

Moon River Henry Mancini *1924-1994*
arr. Richard Giszczak
Edelweiss Richard Rodgers *1902-1979*
arr. Paul Stelben

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Live Performance by Rowan Shih
Blanchard Carillon Fellow

Preludio 8 Matthias van den Gheyn *1721-1785*

Japanese Carillon Music

The Carillon Dancing in the Sky M. Moriya *b. 1963*
Inori no ne Hiroatsu Itamura *b. 1975*
Dream for Carillon Naoto Ohmasa *b. 1954*
The Phoenix Descends on the Tower N. Ohmasa

Colors

Somewhere Over the Rainbow Harold Arlen
1905-1986
arr. Todd Fair

La vie en rose

Edith Piaf *1915-1963*

arr. Sally Slade Warner

Rainbow Connection

Williams & Ascher

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