



The Guild of Carillonneurs

IN NORTH AMERICA

*Patrick Macoska, Chair
Examination Committee*

Dear GCNA Member,

Thank you for your interest regarding the examination requirements for attaining Carillonneur membership in The Guild of Carillonneurs in North America. The documents online contain helpful information and instructions. Please review them carefully.

The GCNA requests that every applicant consider the examination process as evidence of a sincere commitment to professional growth culminating in the achievement of “Carillonneur”. The process is not to be considered a free critique of performance.

The procedure for passing from Associate member or Associate Carillonneur member of the GCNA to Carillonneur member consists of several steps. First, an application must be filed by a specific deadline. Second, digital audio recordings totaling 12 to 17 minutes in total playing time must be prepared. These recordings will contain your two required pieces with the remainder of the time devoted to music of your choice. These recordings will be evaluated separately and anonymously by each juror on the committee. Third, if you are passed by four of the five jurors, you will be invited to perform a 20 minute Examination Recital at the GCNA Congress. Whether you pass or fail at the recording adjudication level, your adjudication sheets will be returned to you and will contain valuable suggestions for improvements. Additional information related to the Congress performance is available on the GCNA website.

The jurors will listen for much more than merely correct notes and tempi. They will be evaluating for a high level of musical competency as well. The music performed on your recordings is assumed to be your finest playing. It is suggested that you and your teacher critically listen to your recordings before you submit them. If you don't have a full time teacher, you might send your recordings to a colleague for an initial critique of playing and recording quality.

Please read CAREFULLY the detailed guidelines of the examination procedure found in the online documents. If I can be of any further help, do not hesitate to contact me. On behalf of the committee, I wish you good luck.

Sincerely,

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