

## City Hall Carillon Committee

### *The Bells of Minneapolis City Hall and Hennepin County Courthouse*

*Here are the vital statistics for each of the bells that comprise the instrument.*

**Bell No. 1 - middle C**



**Weight (lb.):** 7,283

**Diameter (in.):** 68

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** Bb below middle C

**Inscription:**

This Building Was Erected by the Board of  
Court House and City Hall Commission  
Organized April 25, 1887 Commissioners Geo.  
A. Brackett John DeLaittre John C. Oswald  
Wm. S. Chowen Oliver T. Erickson Lars  
Swenson David M. Clough Edward M.  
Johnson John Swift Edgar F. Comstock Titus  
Mareck Wm. D. Washburn Charles P. Preston,  
Secretary Architects Frank B. Long ---  
Frederick Kees

**Bell No. 2 - D above middle C**



**Weight (lb.):** 5,400

**Diameter (in.):** 64

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** Middle C

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**Bell No. 3 - E above middle C**



**Weight (lb.):** 3,780

**Diameter (in.):** 56

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** D above middle C

**Bell No. 4 - F above middle C**



**Weight (lb.):** 3,240

**Diameter (in.):** 52.5

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** E above middle C

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**Bell No. 5 - F# above middle C**



**Weight (lb.):** 2,556

**Diameter (in.):** 49

**Year cast:** 1924

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y

**True note:** E above middle C

**Inscription:**

Donated by the Edward M. and Effie R.

Johnson Foundation 1923

Trustees

Mary Case Barney

William C. Johnson

Samuel E. Forest

**Bell No. 6 - G above middle C**



**Weight (lb.):** 2,160

**Diameter (in.):** 46

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** F above middle C

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### Bell No. 7 - A above middle C



**Weight (lb.):** 1,620

**Diameter (in.):** 42

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** G above middle C

**Inscription:**

The Gift of the Pioneer Fireproof  
Construction Co., the Contractors for Fire  
Proofing Upon This Building.

### Bell No. 8 - Bb above middle C



**Weight (lb.):** 1,296

**Diameter (in.):** 39

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** Ab above middle C

### Bell No. 9 - B above middle C



**Weight (lb.):** 1,080

**Diameter (in.)** 37

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** A above middle C

### Bell No. 10 - high C



**Weight (lb.):** 864

**Diameter (in.):** 33.5

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** Bb above middle C

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**Bell No. 11 - C# above high C**



**Weight (lb.):** 704

**Diameter (in.):** 31

**Year cast:** 1972

**Founder:** Petit & Fritzen Bellfoundry, Aarle-Rixtle, Netherlands

**True note:** B above middle C

**Bell No. 12 - D above high C**



**Weight (lb.):** 594

**Diameter (in.):** 30.5

**Year cast:** 1895

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** High C

**Inscription:**

The gift of Sarah M. Preston, daughter of  
Chas. P. Preston. A.D. 1895

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**Bell No. 13 - E above high C**



**Weight (lb.):** 453

**Diameter (in.):** 27

**Year cast:** 1924

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** D above high C

**Inscription:**

We the pupils of the Minneapolis Public Schools Give This Bell That "The Star Spangled Banner" may Say to Our Citizens "Liberty and Peace for All"

**Bell No. 14 - F above high C**



**Weight (lb.):** 387

**Diameter (in.):** 26

**Year cast:** 1924

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

**True note:** Eb above high C

**Inscription:**

This bell given as a testimonial to J.H. Auld, municipal chime player, whose efforts made possible the four additional bells which were erected AD1924.

Donated by Public Spirited Citizens

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### Bell No. 15 - G above high C



**Weight (lb.):** 285

**Diameter (in.):** 23

**Year cast:** 1924

**Founder:** Meneely Bell Co., Troy, N.Y.

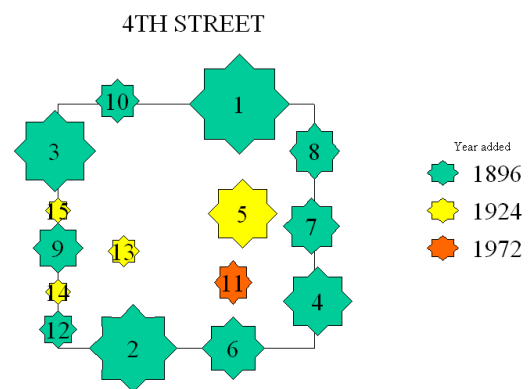
**True note:** F above middle C

### Source of bell weights:

Bells no. 1, 5, 11, 13, 14, and 15 are from founders' records.

Bells no. 2-4, 6-10, and 12 are from an estimate by Meeks, Watson & Co., adjusted based on total weight of the original 10 bells per founder's record.

### Bell Layout in the Belfry:



Beginning in 1896, bell players would actually play the bells from the belfry, but since 1971 bell players have played in the main lobby of Minneapolis City Hall, using a small keyboard with only 24 keys and with only 15 of the keys operating, corresponding to the 15 bells. The keyboard plugs into a special outlet just inside the half-door of the security guard desk. Once the key board is plugged in, that overrides the bell tower clock chiming on the quarter hours. There is a speaker under the keyboard where the bell player can hear the bells while they are played.

