

Roy Kroezen was born in The Netherlands in 1967 and was appointed carillonneur of the Centralia Carillon in 2016. He is organist at St. Mary Catholic Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, both in Centralia, Illinois, and the Fox Theater in St. Louis. He studied organ at the ArtEZ University of the Arts in Arnhem, Netherlands. He studied carillon at the Netherlands Carillon School in Amersfoort with Bernard Winsemius and Henk Verhoef. He holds a master's degree in carillon, and organ and choir conducting degrees. In the Netherlands he served as a municipal carillonneur in Zwolle, Hoogeveen, Arnhem and Huissen. He was 22 years organist in Hilversum at the Apostolic Society and Catholic churches in Hoogland, Amersfoort and Beesd and choir conductor. He was chairman of the Music Committee of the NKV, (Netherlands Carillon Association). He is carillon- and organ teacher and arranger of music for carillon. He has played numerous organ and carillon recitals in the U.S., Europe, and the island of Curaçao. In 2002 he played during nine weeks six concerts a day in Huis ten Bosch, a Dutch style family park on the island Kyushu in Japan. Kroezen has won prizes at several international carillon contests.