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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our 2017 Season, extending from May through December, includes widely varied events, and features outstanding musical programs, superb artists and reasonable ticket prices. This exciting programming encompasses weekday and weekend performances; classical, traditional and operetta repertoire; and solo and ensemble artists.

The Wednesday evening Organ Recital Series has long been recognized as the premier showcase for organ performance on an historic instrument in the nation. The 2017 fifteen week series begins on May 24 and continues through August 30. Extraordinarily talented organists from across the United States and Canada will perform on the Great Organ.

This year's season will also include the "Red, White and Blue Festival", the Methuen Young People's Theatre performances of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore", the Fall Scholarship Fund Organ Recital to be performed by Frederick A. MacArthur, the "Pipes & Pipes" Car Show with organ music and "Open Console", a Children's Program, the "Holiday Open House" and the "A Merry Music Hall Christmas" concerts.

We sincerely appreciate your interest, patronage and financial support. Thank you for helping us to maintain the fine performance tradition at the Music Hall, and to continue to preserve the Great Organ as a stunning example of the "King of Instruments".

Ed Sampson

MMMh ON-LINE

The MMMh website (www.mmmh.org) provides detailed information on all Board of Trustees-sponsored recitals and concerts; a history, description and stop list of the Great Organ; a history of the Music Hall; and mail order information about available CD, SACD and DVD recordings.

MMMh TELEPHONE

To contact us by telephone via voice mail, please call (978) 685-0693.

WHERE WE ARE

The Methuen Memorial Music Hall is located at 192 Broadway (Route 28) in Methuen, Massachusetts. Methuen lies between Lawrence, Massachusetts to the south and Salem, New Hampshire to the north. It is 28 miles north of Boston.

The two principal interstate highways in the area are Routes 93 and 495. From Route 93, travel to Exit No. 48 for Route 213. Go east on Route 213 and exit at Route 28. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and head south on Route 28 about 1/2 mile through Methuen center to the Music Hall on the right. From Route 495, travel to Exit No. 47 for Route 213. Go west on Route 213 and exit at Route 28. Turn left at the end of the exit ramp and head south on Route 28 about 3/4 mile through Methuen center to the Music Hall on the right.

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Great Organ was originally built during the years 1857 through 1863 in Ludwigsburg, Germany by the firm of E. F. Walcker and Company for the Boston Music Hall. This first concert organ in the United States exerted considerable influence on American organ design and construction during the latter part of the 19th-century.

Edward F. Searles of Methuen purchased the instrument in 1897, rebuilt it and erected it in a specially built concert hall designed by the English architect Henry Vaughan. In 1947, G. Donald Harrison of the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company of Boston completed an extensive tonal reconstruction. Today, the organ's resources include four manuals, five divisions, 85 stops, 116 ranks and 6,088 pipes.

WE ARE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization established to preserve the famed Great Organ. It was incorporated in 1946 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and was granted a tax-exempt status in accordance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code in 1949. Financial contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

2017 SEASON

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Fifteen Wednesday Evenings at 8:00 P.M.
Doors open at 7:30 P.M.; Tickets at the door
Adults: \$12.00; Children: \$5.00

May 24 Young Artists:
Marshall Joos, Noah Jacobs and Seamus Gethicker
Somersworth, New Hampshire / Candia, New
Hampshire / Bath, Maine
Works by Johnson, Walther, Brahms, Dupré, Bach,
Reger, Franck, Leighton, Ketèlbey and Saint-Saëns
Sponsored by Richard Kenney

May 31 Jonathan Wessler
Weymouth, Massachusetts
Works by Bach, Boëly, Alain, Wright, István,
Messiaen, Franck and Liszt
Sponsored by Christopher Morss

June 7 Craig S. Williams
Slate Hill, New York
Works by Dupré, Price, Bach, Sowande, Rinehart,
Haywood, Williams, Hampton, Buck, Faxon and
Widor
Sponsored by The Savings Bank

June 14 Peter Edwin Krasinski
Brookline, Massachusetts
Three Personalities of the King of Instruments
Sponsored by Edward S. and Susie W. Rowland

June 21 Frederick Hohman
South Bend, Indiana
Works by Hohman, Bach, Schumann, Franck, Widor,
Liszt, Wagner, Strauss and Duruflé
In Memory of Kenneth T. Morse

June 28 Rosalind Mohnsen
Malden, Massachusetts
Willoughby Frederick and Emma Jacobson Watts
Memorial Organ Recital
Works by Whiting, Paine, Bingham, Swinnen,
Franck, Roger-Ducasse, Vierne and Dupré

July 5 Suzanne Ozorak
Saint-Lambert, Quebec, Canada
Works by Reger, Laurin, Bédard, Dubois, Gigout,
Fortin and Pichè
Sponsored by Enterprise Bank

July 12 Jillian Gardner
Waco, Texas
Works by Saint-Saëns, Tucker, Rheinberger, Manari,

Vierne and Laurin
Sponsored by Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc.

July 19 Leo Abbott
Boston, Massachusetts
Summer Scholarship Fund Organ Recital
Works by Walther, Bach, Mendelssohn, Reger,
Karg-Elert, Jongen and Hakim
Sponsored by Randy Steere

July 26 Jennifer McPherson
Charleston, South Carolina
Works by Paulus, Mendelssohn, Alain, Duruflé,
Mozart, Salomé, Guilmant and Dupré
Sponsored by William H. Drury

August 2 Jeremy Bruns
Salem, Massachusetts
Works by Bach, Hakim, Howells, Liszt, Dupré,
Wammes and Mendelssohn
In Memory of Gertrude P. Meehan by David N. Meehan

August 9 Kevin Birch
Bangor, Maine
Works by Bach, Krebs, Schumann, Saint-Saëns,
Parker, Fournier and Vierne
Sponsored by Nashoba Analytical, LLC

August 16 Katie Minion
Bolingbrook, Illinois
Works by Escaich, Bach, Howells, Laurin,
Buxtehude, Brahms and Reger
Sponsored by Campbell Steward

August 23 Andrew Sheranian
with Michael Judd Sheranian, violin
Boston, Massachusetts
Works by Howells, Bach, Duruflé, Rheinberger and
Paradis
Sponsored by Salem Co-operative Bank

August 30 Jacques Boucher
with Sophie Poulin de Courval, saxophone
Saint-Lambert, Quebec, Canada
Works by Singelée, Handel, Vierne, Dupré, Bédard,
Bozza, Joubert, Arriagada, Reger and Boucher
Sponsored by Michaud Insurance Agency, Inc.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, July 4, 2:00 P.M.
"Red, White and Blue Festival"
A Fourth of July Concert
Raymond Nagem and Joyce Painter Rice, Organ
New York, New York and Merrimac, Massachusetts
Free Admission

Saturday, September 9, 2:00 and 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, September 10, 3:00 P.M.
Methuen Young People's Theatre
Gilbert and Sullivan: "H.M.S. Pinafore"
Adults: \$10.00, Children: \$5.00
Advance Tickets: Mail order, with check made payable to MYPT, after August 1 to Mrs. Janet Jaber, 205 Forest Street, Methuen, MA 01844-2333.
(Please specify if tickets are to be held at the door or mailed back. A stamped return envelope is appreciated.) Any remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Friday, September 15, 8:00 P.M.
Fall Scholarship Fund Organ Recital
Frederick A. MacArthur
Haverhill, Massachusetts
Works by Vierne, Jongen, Rabey, Lefébure-Wély, Handel and Bach
Doors open at 7:30 P.M., Tickets at the door
Adults: \$12.00, Students: \$5.00
Sponsored by Georgetown Bank

Saturday, September 23, 12:30 - 4:00 P.M.
Rain Date: Sunday, September 24, 12:30 - 4:00 P.M.
"Pipes & Pipes" Car Show
Outdoors: Vehicle Presentations, Food and Music
Music Hall: tours, organ music and "Open Console"
Suggested Registration Fee / Donation: \$10.00

Saturday, October 7, 10:00 A.M.
Children's Program
Joyce Painter Rice, organ
Merrimac, Massachusetts
Presented in English and Spanish
Doors open at 9:30 A.M.
Free Admission

Friday, December 1, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Holiday Open House
Seasonal Music on the "Great Organ",
Christmas Carol Sing-Alongs, Displays, Raffles and Light Refreshments
Free Admission
Donations to the Organ Restoration Fund

Saturday, December 2, 7:00 P.M.
"A Merry Music Hall Christmas"
Ray Cornils, organ
Greg Gettel and Robinson Pyle, trumpets
Reserved Seating: Adults: \$20, Children: \$5
Advance Ticket Sales information at www.mmmh.org website after November 1

Sunday, December 3, 3:00 P.M.

"A Merry Music Hall Christmas"
Ray Cornils, organ
Greg Gettel and Robinson Pyle, trumpets
Reserved Seating: Adults: \$20, Children: \$5
Advance Ticket Sales information at www.mmmh.org website after November 1

RECITAL SERIES SUBSCRIPTIONS

Series subscriptions to all fifteen Wednesday evening Organ Recitals are available at substantial savings. Subscription rates are \$125.00 for an individual, \$225.00 for a couple and \$400.00 for an organization (admits 6). Tickets purchased at the door are priced at \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12 years of age. Subscribe using the order/contributions form.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For 43 years, the Music Hall Board of Trustees has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors who pursue music as their major at the collegiate level. To date, 86 students have received a total of \$65,000 in scholarship awards.

Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in 2016. Funding was obtained from Scholarship Fund Recitals and from Scholarship Fund donations from the public. Congratulations to the following recipients who were selected by our Youth and Scholarship Committee from an array of many outstanding applicants.

Francesca Lionetta, from Andover, Massachusetts, graduated from Andover High School. A talented vocalist with numerous awards and honors to her credit, Francesca aspires to be an opera singer. She will be attending the Eastman School of Music as a vocal performance major.

Taylor Trussell, from Methuen, graduated from Methuen High School and will attend the University of Massachusetts, Lowell. Although she is a proficient pianist, her main focus in music is percussion. She plans to major in music education and also to minor in psychology with a concentration in music therapy. After earning her bachelor's degree, Taylor intends to take a one year, accelerated master's program in music education.

Applications are being accepted through May 15, for the two 2017 \$1,000 scholarships, which will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from Methuen and neighboring areas of the Merrimack Valley who are planning to major in music at college. Further information may be obtained by checking the appropriate line on the order/contributions form.

Your contribution to the Scholarship Fund (please see the order/contributions form) and your

attendance at the Summer Scholarship Fund Organ Recital (July 19) and the Fall Scholarship Fund Organ Recital (September 15) will help us to continue to provide financial assistance for the education of future generations of musicians.

Other youth-oriented activities sponsored by the Music Hall Board of Trustees include the annual Gilbert and Sullivan operetta presentation by the Methuen Young People's Theatre. In the summer of 2017, youth from grade 4 through high school will learn "H.M.S. Pinafore", which they will perform at the Music Hall the weekend after Labor Day. The Board of Trustees also holds "Music Hall Days" each spring, funded by a grant from the Methuen Cultural Council. This event provides an opportunity for fourth graders from local schools to come to the Music Hall to hear a demonstration of the organ and to gain an appreciation of the Hall and its history.

RECITAL SERIES PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

If you would like a folder listing all fifteen recital programs of the Organ Recital Series, check the appropriate line on the order/contributions form and include a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope.

EDWARD F. SEARLES SOCIETY

The Music Hall Board of Trustees has established the Edward F. Searles Society to recognize individuals who have remembered the Music Hall through planned giving. By including the corporation in your estate planning, you will help to ensure the future of the Music Hall and our programming for years to come. Opportunities for planned giving are numerous, including: bequests, life insurance, trusts, annuities and retirement plans. If you have included the Music Hall in your estate planning, please let us know. For further information on this significant way to show your loyal support of, and confidence in, the future of the Music Hall, check the appropriate line on the order/contributions form.

EXPANDED PROGRAMMING

While the primary focus of our programming continues to be classical repertoire recitals performed on the "Great Organ", the Music Hall Board of Trustees has augmented this season's offerings with some alternative programming. In an effort to reach out to people with other interests, and to increase our audience base, we have included the patriotic themed July 4th event, a car show, a children's program, the holiday open house and the two Christmas programs featuring organ and trumpets.

RECITAL ENDOWMENT AND SPONSORSHIP

One recital of our fifteen week Wednesday Evening Organ Recital Series is a specially designated, named recital. Any individual, family, organization, or corporation may establish a named recital by making an endowment contribution to permanently underwrite the production cost of such a recital. This is a unique way to honor a family member or friend, to recognize a group, or memorialize a deceased loved one.

We also offer individuals, families, organizations and corporations the opportunity to underwrite any of the non-endowed recitals of our series on an annual basis. See the order/contributions form.

The following were memorialized in 2016.

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George Krajian	Lawrence Allen Young
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MUSIC HALL RENTALS

The Music Hall may be rented for weddings, meetings, concerts and recitals. The hall provides a truly magnificent venue for any such event. For rental rates and date availability, write to us, attention "Rentals".

MMMh APPEAL

In the final analysis, it is only through the ongoing financial support of you - our patrons and benefactors - that the Music Hall continues its rich legacy of performance, entertainment and enrichment. We thank you for all you have done, and for what we hope you will continue to do, to assist in covering the cost of operations and capital improvements of the "Great Organ" and the Music Hall.

Your contribution to our "MMMh Appeal" would be greatly appreciated. Please see the order/contributions form.

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____
for the items and/or contributions indicated below.

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___ Individual \$125.00 (admits 1)
___ Couple \$225.00 (admits 2)
___ Organization \$400.00 (admits 6)

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