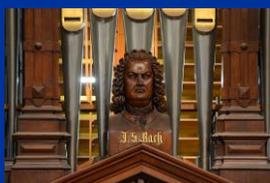




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**METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL, INC.**  
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November 2018

Dear Friend of the Music Hall:

Further empowering us in our mission of stewardship of the hall and the world-renowned "Great Organ," the Music Hall Board of Trustees greatly appreciates your attendance and support. It is my pleasure to report to you on the following successes of 2018, goals for 2019 and the "MMMh Appeal."

#### Major Successes of 2018

- Continued to engage highly talented performers for the fifteen-week Wednesday Evening Organ Recital Series
- Introduced many more people to the Music Hall and the "Great Organ" with an "Open Console Day"
- Arranged for delivery to the hall of the Steinway Model D Concert Grand piano bequeathed to us by the will of the late William A. Goodwin
- Prepared for the installation of a custom sound system
- Planned for stage extensions and refinishing
- Added a MMMH collectible/ornament to the Music Hall sale item table
- Reached out to area youth through the "Young Artists Organ Recital", the Methuen Young People's Theatre performances of "Pirates of Penzance", "Music Hall Days", and the Music Hall Scholarships
- Conducted a survey of recital attendees to enhance effective types of publicity for Music Hall events

#### Goals for 2019

- Further enhance our presence on various social networking services such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube
- Install the custom sound system
- Construct and install the stage extensions, and refinish the entire stage
- Explore additional alternative programming to appeal to a wider audience

#### The "MMMh Appeal"

- We thank you for all you have done for MMMH. We hope you will continue to assist in keeping our beloved and unique facility operating. It is through your generosity that we are able to cover the cost of operations and capital improvements of the "Great Organ" and the Methuen Memorial Music Hall.
- "Opportunities for Support" for your consideration in the context of financial planning is on the following page.
- A form to indicate your tax-deductible contribution to the "MMMh Appeal" along with return information is provided on the last page for your convenience.
- If you are an employee or retiree of an enterprise that offers a Matching Gift Program, please process your personal contribution accordingly so as to maximize the total effective amount of your support of MMMH.

When considering your financial support of organizations that are important to you, I ask that you consider a donation to the "MMMh Appeal" as an investment to preserve and continue the operation of the Music Hall for present and future generations.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

Ed Sampson, President

## Opportunities for Support

It was through the efforts of Edward F. Searles (1841-1920) of Methuen, Massachusetts that we enjoy the "Great Organ" in such a spectacular setting today. He purchased the once much-admired German built old Boston Music Hall organ - dismantled and stored - at a time when its future was uncertain. Searles was the visionary who was instrumental in providing the organ a visual and acoustical setting that he felt it deserved - a concert hall designed and built expressly to showcase the "Great Organ".

The Board of Trustees of the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc. has established the Edward F. Searles Society to recognize individuals who have remembered the Music Hall through planned giving. By including the corporation in their estate planning, one will help to ensure the future of the Music Hall and our programming for years to come.

Edward F. Searles Society members display a public commitment to the mission of the Music Hall corporation that will transcend their earthly lives. Their bequests become ever living testimonies to their belief in the critical work of the corporation.

Our personal priorities and preferences are defined by the way we budget three areas of our lives - our time, our talent and our treasure. Many individuals choose to designate in advance the disposition of their accumulated wealth at the time of their death. A will is the necessary legal document that establishes how one's lifetime treasure will be distributed. Without a will, the state distributes one's assets regardless of their preferences.

Estate planning that includes a financial contribution to the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc. is a lasting legacy to assist in covering the cost of operations and capital improvements of the "Great Organ" and the Music Hall, thus assuring their enjoyment for future generations.

Opportunities for support are numerous. Outright cash contributions provide necessary financial resources to assist the corporation. If you are an employee or retiree of an enterprise that offers a Matching Gift Program, please process your personal contribution accordingly so as to maximize the total effective amount of your support.

Unlike cash contributions, planned gifts provide financial resources for the corporation's future while allowing one to enjoy immediate tax benefits and/or income based on the investment type selected.

One can ensure the continuance of the corporation's future by naming the corporation as a beneficiary in one's will. A bequest is accomplished through a written and executed will. The appropriate phraseology is: "I give, devise, and bequeath [\$ amount or percentage (%)] to the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc."

A life income agreement allows one to make the corporation the remainder beneficiary of a trust one creates during one's lifetime while retaining income for oneself and/or a second beneficiary. One receives an immediate tax deduction when one creates a trust.

By establishing a trust, donors either name the corporation as the trust beneficiary or place the assets in a trust fund that will generate income for the corporation over a specified term.

Through one's gift of appreciated securities, stocks, or bonds to the corporation, one may avoid some or all of the capital gains tax by deducting their full market value as a charitable contribution.

The Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation. The mailing address is Post Office Box 463, Methuen, Massachusetts 01844-0463. The corporation's Federal Identification Number (FIN) is: 02-6011075. Gifts made to the corporation are tax-deductible to the full extent of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions may be directed to any of our existing funds: Endowment, Organ Restoration or Scholarship.

Another option is to designate one recital of our fifteen-week Wednesday Evening Organ Recital Series as a specially-designated named recital. Any individual, family, organization, or corporation may establish a named recital by making a 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.

Please work with your attorney, financial advisor, and/or tax advisor in determining the best appropriate gift to the corporation considering your particular financial situation.

Additional information is available from Bob Slein, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones, 153 Main Street, Salem, New Hampshire 03079-3182, (603) 898-2106,

Email: [bob.slein@edwardjones.com](mailto:bob.slein@edwardjones.com), Website: <[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)>.

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**c/o Mrs. Elaine M. Morissette, Trustee**

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The Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization established to preserve the famed Great Organ, originally installed in the Boston Music Hall as the first concert organ in the United States. 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. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, Revenue Rulings 67-246 and 74-348, and Revenue Procedure 90-12.