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METHUEN MEMORIAL MUSIC HALL, INC.
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Dear Friend of the Music Hall:

The Music Hall Board of Trustees greatly appreciates your attendance and support, which further empowers us in our mission of stewardship of the hall and the world-renowned "Great Organ". It is my pleasure to report to you on the 2019 successes of some of our standing committees, goals for 2020 and the "MMMH Appeal."

Major Successes of 2019

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee completed the installation of a permanent, customized sound system for the Hall. This provides voice and instrument amplification, the ability to record events held in the Hall, and other capabilities. The Committee also added an extension to the east side of the stage to accommodate the on-stage storage of the Steinway Model B piano.
- The Youth and Scholarship Committee reached out to area youth through the Methuen Young People's Theatre performances of "Ruddigore", introducing all Methuen fourth graders to the Music Hall and organ in our "Music Hall Days" event, and awarding two Music Scholarships to local graduates pursuing music in college.
- The Nominating Committee continued its duties to identify prospective Trustees with the needed skill sets and attitudes to keep the organization moving forward. The Committee also continued its efforts to make the organization's structure and Trustee assignments in the best interests of the Methuen Memorial Music Hall.

Goals for 2020

- Further refine the process by which our social networking services: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube are kept current and appealing; and
- 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.
- A preaddressed return envelope, with an attached form to indicate your tax-deductible contribution to the "MMMH Appeal", is enclosed for your convenience.
- Various support opportunities for your consideration in the context of your financial planning are described on the reverse side.
- 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

Ed Sampson, President



Edward F. Searles (1841-1920)

It was through the efforts of E. F. Searles 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. encourages you to include the corporation in your estate planning, to help to ensure the future of the Music Hall and our programming for years to come.

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 your 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.

Unlike cash contributions, planned gifts provide financial resources for the corporation's future while allowing one to enjoy 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 a 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.

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