

# *Mechanics Hall*

*Worcester County Mechanics Association*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **United States Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants to perform at Mechanics Hall**

*Free concert takes place on Thursday, March 30 at 7pm*

Worcester, MA — March 13, 2023 —The United States Air Force Concert Band and the Singing Sergeants, the official chorus of the U. S. Air Force, bring their uplifting repertoire of classical favorites and tunes from the great American songbook to Mechanics Hall on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. As part of a 12-city tour of the Northeast, the concert honors the service of Airmen both past and present and showcases Air Force excellence through music. Held at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, the program is free and open to the public; however, registration is required. Tickets can be reserved at [mechanicshall.org](http://mechanicshall.org).

The accessible entrance to Mechanics Hall is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are available in the ground-floor Waldo lobby and provide access to the second and third floors. There is no elevator access to the balcony. All concerts take place in the Great Hall on the third level. Those who need assistance can contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, by calling 508-752-5608.

“We are delighted to welcome the Concert Band and Singing Sergeants back to the Great Hall,” said Kathleen Gagne, Executive Director of Mechanics Hall. “Their concerts are among our most popular because of the excellent musicianship, the range of music presented—from classical to popular—and the high entertainment value.”



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Master Sgt. Matt Penland, who will be soloing on xylophone during the tour, is especially excited to get back on the road. “Going on tour and connecting with live audiences is the best part of the job! I’m really looking forward to traveling on the East Coast and sharing the music we’ve been working on,” says Penland. “I’m also honored to stand in front of this incredible ensemble whose members represent the best of the United States Air Force.”

The Concert Band and the Singing Sergeants make up two of the six performing ensembles within The United States Air Force Band, the premier musical organization of the U.S. Air Force. Stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., The United States Air Force Band honors those who have served, inspires American citizens to heightened patriotism and service, and connects with the global community on behalf of the U.S. Air Force and the United States of America. [Learn more about the United States Air Force Band.](#)

## **About Mechanics Hall**

Built in 1857 by WCMA, Mechanics Hall is internationally regarded as one of the world's great concert halls for its superb acoustics and 19th-century elegance. Regionally, it is widely considered to be Worcester's finest meeting place. The world’s most renowned orchestras and performers—from the London Philharmonic to Yo-Yo Ma and Ella Fitzgerald to Linda Rondstat—have taken the Hall’s stage. Among the many luminaries who have spoken at Mechanics Hall are Charles Dickens, Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, and Mark Twain. In addition to serving as a premiere venue and recording site, Mechanics Hall offers inspiring cultural experiences for diverse audiences through a variety of creative initiatives—including free concerts, community events, a youth chorus, and collaborative programs with local colleges and non-profit organizations.

A non-profit organization, Mechanics Hall is owned and operated by the Worcester County Mechanics Association (est. 1842). It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. [Learn more at mechanicshall.org.](http://www.mechanicshall.org)

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