

# Mechanics Hall

## YEAR-END FUND HEART OF THE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

November 2023

Dear Members & Friends,

**Without you, Mechanics Hall is just a beautiful old building.**

The vision of our founders was to inspire and enrich the community. Today in this Hall, Worcester continues to celebrate, share knowledge, and experience live musical performance because you believe in our mission. Your financial support ensures that Mechanics Hall continues to host community and culture. As 2023 draws to a close, the Heart of the Community year-end campaign is upon us. I am appealing to you to respond with a gift in support of our irreplaceable treasure.



Many Voices  
October 2023 Concert

**At 166 years, Mechanics Hall needs you now as ever!**

In the last year, performers came from around the globe and right from our backyard. These included internationally acclaimed musicians, area college and university students; high school honors performers, community orchestras, organists, a wide range of instrumentalists including brass players, piano and violin soloists, jazz combos and many others!

**You made the music-making possible!**

And, thanks to you, Mechanics Hall brought back its full roster of FREE events for the community:

- *The Brown Bag Concert Series (begun in 1983!!)*
- *Performances featuring our 1864 Worcester Organ, the Hook opus 334*
- *A Night to Remember, Folk Guardians of Worcester*
- *The President's Own United States Marine Corps Band*
- *Mechanics Hall Founders Day*

Altogether, Mechanics Hall hosted 188 events, a significant increase from 2022 as we continued re-emergence from the pandemic shut-down. The bookings this year continue to climb.

**Many Voices: Mechanics Hall Youth Singers debuted last year and have performed 6 times since then!**

More than **100 fifth and sixth graders** have participated in some way during the last 12 months. These enthusiastic learners sing in full voice with an instrument combo, and in **three-part harmony!** They made friends and created something beautiful together on their very own world-class stage.



US Marine Band  
Brown Bag Concert Series 10/18/22

**These children have a musical home in  
Mechanics Hall because of your support!**

2024 will be no less exciting! The long-awaited new portraits will be installed and celebrated. More young people, musicians, speakers, and award winners will take the stage for performances and honors, and more families will celebrate milestones.

**You make this possible and I am deeply grateful.**

The **Heart of the Community year-end appeal** is a request for financial support, but it is also a reminder of what your contribution makes possible.

Worcester is blessed to have Mechanics Hall to house its history and embody its hope for the future.

**Please be generous.** You can donate using the QR code here or by check made out to Mechanics Hall HOC using the reply envelope enclosed.

Wishing you all the blessings of this wonderful season of thanks and giving,

Kathleen M. Gagne

Executive Director

*P.S., If you want to see the Hall with new eyes, call to schedule a tour! I'll share some amazing stories and show you the extraordinary Mechanics Hall you may have never seen.*

Monthly giving offers a way for you to increase the amount of your annual gift. Annual giving stretched over 12 monthly donations makes it seem easy to provide significant support. For instance, \$21 each month turns into a \$252 annual gift! A \$500 annual gift is only \$42 a month! Whatever amount you give, when Mechanics Hall can count on your monthly support, you can be sure the Hall will serve the community in more and better ways. Setting up automatic online monthly giving is simple – use the QR code link to begin.



### OUR MISSION

To **enrich** the cultural, social, and economic vitality of the community by **stewarding** Mechanics Hall, a historic landmark and world-class performance hall, which serves as an **inspirational gathering place** for programs and events that showcase **the vast diversity of human experience**.

**68 MUSICAL PERFORMANCES** 

INCLUDING 13 MUSIC WORCESTER CONCERTS FEATURING SUCH SUPERB ARTISTS AS BÉLA FLECK, BRIAN STOKES MITCHELL, CHINEKE! ORCHESTRA, WORCESTER CHORUS, AND MORE!

**4,664**

**PERFORMING ARTISTS** 

**8**

**NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISING GALAS** 

**54**

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION EVENTS** 

**WHAT MADE**

*Mechanics Hall*

**THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY IN 2023?** 




**CIVIC EVENTS**

**14**

**10,945**

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18



**21** AUDIO AND MUSIC VIDEO RECORDING SESSIONS 

**20**

**BUSINESS EVENTS** 

**23** HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES 

**11,500 SENIORS** 

FAMILY MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS **14** 