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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HALL?

Welcome to the first of what I hope to be regular Mechanics Hall Staff updates. The idea is for everyone to know what took place during the week, what is on tap for the coming week, and any news you would like to share. (Feel free to send any announcements, updates, and pictures to Heather throughout the week.) I would like this to be a way for all staff to not only be aware of the big events that support the Hall, but also little things that can easily get lost in translation; those things that demonstrate what makes Mechanics Hall so incredible and special.

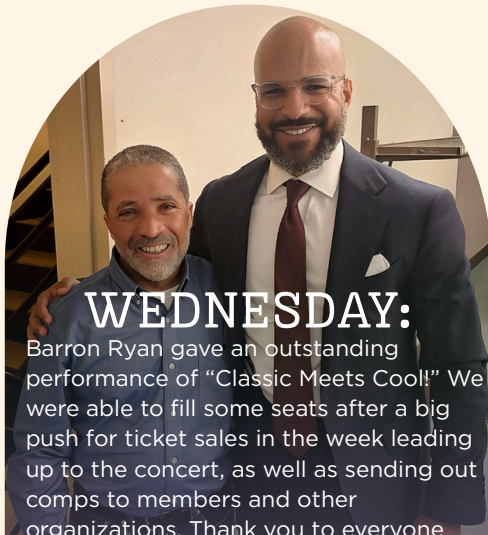
SUNDAY:

We held two shows for the Princess Concerts, and they were a hit with both parents and kids! I received a lot of positive feedback and hope to do more of these types of events in the future. This is a perfect way to not only get parents into the Hall, but also the next generation of arts patrons. A big shout out to our Operations team for organizing new kid-friendly concessions, Sales for guiding the client through an event that was very new in scope for us, Michael Costa for recruiting the technical talent we needed to support the event behind the scenes, and the facilities crew for handling a confetti storm after both shows.

TUESDAY:

We held our first quarterly staff huddle - thank you for the fantastic list of ideas for summer projects you gave after our huddle on Tuesday! I really appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts. We are working to compile the list and consider next steps for the summer.

Chris led a guided tour for Bancroft's 6th grade students, and included an in-depth focus on the portrait gallery, where they explored the theme of Voices of Change and discussed the abolitionists represented in the Hall. After a lively discussion, the students drew their own portraits as abolitionists!



WEDNESDAY:

Barron Ryan gave an outstanding performance of "Classic Meets Cool!" We were able to fill some seats after a big push for ticket sales in the week leading up to the concert, as well as sending out comps to members and other organizations. Thank you to everyone who helped with this effort and made this event a success. I was really moved by Barron's beautiful piece inspired by William & Martha Brown. I would love to think of other ways we can feature that piece. Check out his [interview in the T&G](#).



THURSDAY:

The Isaiah Thomas Awards came back to the Hall this year with a very well-attended and important event in the philanthropic community. Many of our larger donors and trustees were in attendance. [Learn more about this year's recipient here.](#)



FRIDAY:

Friday was one of our largest events of the year - Devereaux's Annual Gala. This event typically has very high bar sales, keeping our bar staff very busy and coming at a time of year when we can use the influx of cash! New bar placement and layout kept lines shorter and moving faster! This event also ends quite late, which means our crew was here late into the evening cleaning up, so a huge thank you to them!

SATURDAY:

The 80's Prom was back this year and the attendees (all 738 of them) had a blast! This is always a very lively event with good bar sales and tons of "energy." Thankfully, we had no major incidents and the last-minute addition of the Furious 5 and Pretty Poison really helped to boost interest. Kudos to Jess and Kelsey for their many negotiations with Vito and WXLO leading up to the event. Maria and the Operations team did a great job staffing the event with bartenders and volunteers who made everything run smoothly. I appreciate that so many staff were on site to make sure things went smoothly and to support one another. Looking out for one another on these big events is true teamwork.

THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

Poll:

I'm looking at events for next year. Thoughts? (click links for promo video)

[Irish Christmas in America](#)
[Tony Danza: Standards & Stories](#)
[Adam Pascal & Anthony Rapp](#)
[Letters to the President](#)