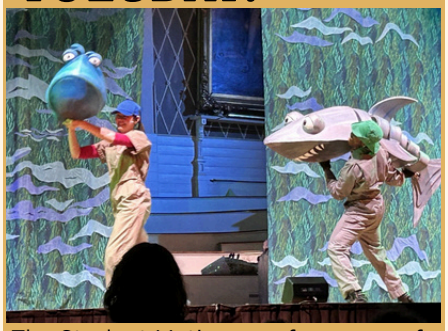
From the desk of Meghan Montaner *Week of May 3 - May 9, 2026*

Mechanics Hall
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HALL?

Another busy week here at the Hall! But not just any week- a week of memory making. Some saw their very first piece of theatre, others witnessed the wise words of survivors of the Hiroshima bomb, and hundreds of teens made core memories dancing in the Great Hall. Last, a small award ceremony was held in Washburn and there's nothing quite like being recognized in front of your family. I hope you can all feel proud to be placemakers for so many memories last week. Please keep sending photos or things you would like to include in this newsletter!

TUESDAY:



The Student Matinee performance of *Pout Pout Fish* turned even the poutiest of frowns upside down. We had 145 attendees enjoy this musical adaptation of the beloved children's book, including a local daycare who walked to the Hall! The performance featured whimsical puppets and performers in a sweeping oceanic adventure.

Nobel Peace Prize Winning Japanese A-Bomb survivors were at the Hall as part of a statewide speaking tour. The Center for Nonviolent Solutions organized the day-long visit in Worcester. Mr. Hiroshi Kanamoto & Mr. Yoshinori Ohmura's visit follows their participation in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference at the UN in New York. We were so honored to host them; their words and insights were profound.

WEDNESDAY:

This past week, two of our brand-new docents (David Jaffe and Glenn Randall) presented their very first Mechanics Hall Tour. They chose to put on an interactive style tour that was both engaging and informative; the guests loved it! Well Done! We also hosted MCPHS's Hooding and Award Ceremony. The students were dressed so beautifully and Mark stayed until the very last commemorative photo was taken!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY:

Prom season is upon us! Thanks to all who helped make a beautiful evening full of high school memories for students from Lincoln-Sudbury (Friday) and Auburn (Saturday).

Eversource also held an award ceremony here on Saturday afternoon!

OTHER:

Please refrain from using the freight elevator unless absolutely necessary as we are undergoing a repair over the coming week and need to take pressure off the unit. If you do need to use it to move items, we suggest sending the elevator to the appropriate floor but using the stairs for yourself in the event that it becomes stuck between floors.

MEETINGS:

Being in back to back meetings every day can feel like a rollercoaster, so at the end of every week, I try to take a look back and remind myself of how important they are.

Here are some that I thought I would share:

WICN 90.5FM: We met to discuss our partnership around Brown Bag and Club 321. We learned a lot and look forward to the 2026-2027 season!

Monthly Events Debrief Meeting: This year, we started a monthly meeting between Operations, Facilities, Sales, and Production so that we can recap the past month's events, note any changes to our annual event files, and see if any policy or procedural changes need to be made. I find these meetings to be incredibly valuable.

Chinese New Year: We are in talks with two different groups about potential events next year that would recognize Chinese New Year. It would be a great event during a generally slow time of year for us).

Upcoming Birthdays:

Saturday, 5/16
Mike Novick's Birthday!

Poll:

Did you ever attend a prom at Mechanics Hall??? I did, but I'm not spilling the beans on the year...

Did you know that outside of work, Maria goes by the name Kiki?
I discovered this while searching for Maria & Jeff's baby registry!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!