

Lowell Mason House, Inc. – Holiday 2023

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Let the interior renovations begin!

9th Annual Lowell Mason House Holiday Concert

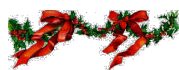


The **Annual Lowell Mason House Holiday Concert** marks its 9th year with a performance on **Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at 7pm** at St. Edward's Church at 133 Spring St. in Medfield, Mass. Performers of all ages will share the gift of music with the community in the spirit of the holidays. Carrying out the **"Raising the Bar"** theme of this year's event will be two featured attractions: Guest speaker, **Reagan Paras**, a full-time associate professor at Berklee College of Music, and **the announcement of a major grant to establish a new initiative at the Lowell Mason House**. Paras, an advocate for music education, is a conductor, singer and educator who has directed performance tours across the United States and abroad. In addition to his role at Berklee, he is artistic director for Many Voices: Mechanics Hall's Youth Singers, music director for The Nashua Choral Society, summer conductor of the Kodály Music Institute Choir, co-founder of two chamber choirs, and a researcher. Regarding the **major grant**, creating the **Dr. Al G. and Gladys Stone Wright Innovation Center for Music Education at the Lowell Mason House**, details will be shared at the concert, but it will ultimately propel Lowell Mason House renovation plans forward to allow the non-profit organization to offer innovative music education programs in a sustainable, high quality facility that is open to the public.

Performance highlights for the **2023 Holiday Concert** include:

- Return engagement of 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's "Messiah" conducted by **Jonathan Gray**, acc. by **Tara Gray** on piano
- Concert pianist **David McGrory**
- **Medfield High School Chamber Strings and Jazz Combo**
- **First Parish Unitarian Universalist Choir**
- **MEMO "Joy to the World"** outstanding performers
- Vocalists **Becca and John Kornet**, **Eva Kendrick** and **John Castillo**
- Pianist **Ian Kasarjian**, St. Edwards music director
- **Trills 'n Chills** a cappella group
- Montrose School **Treblemakers** a cappella group
- **Eric Bouwman-Wozencraft**, Church of the Advent music director

Tickets for the concert are available online via **LowellMasonHouse.net** and at the concert door. Beginning Nov. 18, tickets will also be on sale at The Center (senior center) on Ice House Road, and immediately after 9:30 a.m. Sunday services at St. Edward's. Adult tickets are \$25 each; senior citizen and student tickets are \$20 each. Families purchasing multiple tickets have the option of paying a flat price of \$60 if tickets are purchased together.



The Lowell Mason House received a major grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund

A major grant has been provided by the **Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund**, a program of the state of Massachusetts administered through a collaborative arrangement between **MassDevelopment** and the **Mass Cultural Council**. The MCC/MD grant is a **feasibility and technical assistance (FTA) grant** that helps organizations get the objective information and analysis they need before they commit their organization's energies

and financial resources to a facilities project. The grant will allow the organization to receive professional architectural and engineering advice to determine appropriate usage of interior room spaces, along with planning the necessary infrastructure to maximize the efficiency of spaces. Plans will include room functionality, establishing utility and infrastructure requirements, designs for heating, air conditioning, ventilation, HVAC, insulation, and other requirements with the goal of creating a green building with a zero or near zero carbon footprint.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Lowell Mason House, now located at 59 Green Street, Medfield, MA goes back well beyond Lowell Mason's birth in 1792. Portions of the house have been age dated using dendrochronology to 1651, making the house one of the oldest in MA. and North America!

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDER

- Dec. 2 - Winter Holiday Concert – at St. Edwards Church, Medfield, MA.
- 2023 Annual Appeal is now open!
- Submit your entry to the annual Lowell Mason House Music Advocacy Competition. Deadline is Dec. 10, 2023. See QR code below for details.
- Competition winners will be announced January 8, 2024 (Lowell Mason's Birthday)



THE LOWELL MASON HOUSE IS MORE THAN JUST A BUILDING! We also support the following programs for Music Education Advocacy:

- Music Scholarships at Medfield High School at a local level.
- Summer MEMO and Winter Holiday Concerts in Medfield.
- Music Education Advocacy Competitions and Program Proposals advocating the importance of Music Education in Our Schools at a national level.
- Music Education Techniques Workshops.

SUPPORT THE LOWELL MASON HOUSE !

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We believe that Lowell Mason (1792-1872), the father of American School Music Education and a pioneer in American Sacred Music, would be so proud to see his Medfield, MA birthplace supporting the cause that he loved so much! Your gift, no matter how large or small, can become the gift of music to a child... to a senior citizen... or to a member of our community. Please participate in our **2023 ANNUAL APPEAL that is now open!** You can make a donation by going to our website at www.lowellmasonhouse.net . Donations by mail may also be sent to:

The Lowell Mason House
PO Box 913
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Thanks for your consideration and support giving others the gift of music!

