

# Lowell Mason House, Inc. – Fall 2023

59 Green Street, Medfield, MA 02052



*Let the interior renovations begin!*

## We have an important announcement!

**We are excited to announce that we have received two major grants this year.**

The first is a major keystone grant from Al and Gladys Wright of West Lafayette, Indiana. At their request, we will have the Dr. Al and Gladys Stone Wright Innovation Center for Music Education at the Lowell Mason House. Dr. Al Wright was a famous music educator and band leader as director of the celebrated Purdue University “All American” Marching Band and founder of the John Philip Sousa Foundation. Gladys Stone Wright, who at age 98, continues to promote music education, innovation and is a pioneering woman conductor and founded the Women Band Directors’ International organization. With the Wrights’ generous grant, it will enable us to provide innovative music education advocacy programs, to renovate the Lowell Mason House, and to offer a sustainable facility that is open to the public.

Our second 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 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

- September 23 – Medfield Day -Come visit our booth Number 106.
- October 31 - Halloween at Lowell Mason House – Candy, costumes and fun!
- Dec. 2 - Winter Holiday Concert – at St. Edwards Church, Medfield, MA.
- 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 !

TO DONATE, CLICK ON “Donate” BUTTON IN LOWELL MASON HOUSE WEBSITE BELOW:

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. You can make a donation by going to our website at [www.lowellmasonhouse.net](http://www.lowellmasonhouse.net) . Donations by mail may also be sent to:

The Lowell Mason House  
PO Box 913  
Medfield, MA 02052

*Thanks for your consideration and support giving others the gift of music!*

