



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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1. Overview

The mission of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony is to foster the musical education and enjoyment of the public by providing musical performing experiences for talented and interested members of the community, programs for the performance of traditional and contemporary wind music, and a channel for the commission and presentation of new musical works.

This FY 2018 Annual Report contains highlights of our artistic and organizational accomplishments, community involvement and feedback, and a financial overview for the 46th season of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony which ended on August 31, 2018.

2. Artistic Highlights

- Captain Kenneth Megan, USCG Ret, Guest conductor, Fall concert (11/5/17)
- Bryan Bishop, Guest vocalist, Holiday concert (12/2/17)
- Avi Mehta, Guest conductor, Winter concert (3/4/18)
- Mark Olson, Guest conductor, Outdoor concert (7/12/18)
- Bruce Houston, Guest conductor, Outdoor concert (7/19/18)
- Gregory Depp, Guest conductor, Outdoor concert (7/26/18) and Pinebank concert (7/29/18)
- Four works arranged by MetWinds Music Director, Lewis J. Buckley and performed by MetWinds: *In the (Holiday) Mood* (12/2/17); *You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch* (12/2/17); *Christmas Sing-Along* (12/2/17); *New World Symphony Mvt. IV* (11/5/17, 6/9/18)
- 30th Annual Boston Festival of Bands, Faneuil Hall, Boston, featuring seven bands from Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Montreal, Canada. Attendance: 1700+ (6/9/18)
- Hastings Park Outdoor Concert Series, Lexington. 3 performances (7/12/18, 7/19/18, 7/26/18) Attendance: 625+

- Pinebank Promontory, Jamaica Plain outdoor concert cosponsored by The Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Boston Parks and Recreation. Attendance: 300+ (7/29/18)

3. Organizational and Educational Highlights

- 20 select middle and high school student musicians from ten area schools performed on stage with MetWinds (5/6/18)
- MetWinds' Student Award presented to a student enrolled in a college music program. 2018 Recipients: Allison Burke, alto saxophone. Allison is enrolled as a Music Major at Ithaca College; Leah Missall, flute. Leah is enrolled as a Music Major at UMass Amherst.
- Four concert sponsors funded summer outdoor concerts: Martin Saradjian sponsored and conducted *Stars and Stripes Forever* (7/12/17). Bruce Houston, Greg and Maureen Depp, and Sarah Freeman sponsored the following to conduct the *Stars and Stripes Forever*: Bruce Jacobson (7/19/18), Colin O'Toole (7/26/18), and Gerry Wright as *Olmsted* (7/29/18).

MetWinds is now on YouTube- reaching a wider audience via our YouTube channel with videos of our best indoor concert performances. They can be accessed at: www.youtube.com/metwinds

4. MetWinds in the Community

Each year MetWinds donates goods and/or services to many worthy causes in our community.

In FY 2018 we donated:

- North Middlesex Regional High School Service Learning Program: Two adult 2018 Season Passes
- Yachad Silent Auction: Two adult 2018 Season Passes
- St. John of Damascus Church: 2017 Holiday concert
- Town of Lexington: three summer outdoor concerts- free admission to all
- Full concert videos of our Lexington indoor concerts are available through the local cable company, LexMedia, who films and rebroadcasts our concerts for the enjoyment of local Lexington residents and also makes the video available for wider viewing via their website at: www.lexmedia.org

- 30th Annual Boston Festival of Bands, Faneuil Hall, Boston- free admission from 11 am to 6 pm (6/9/18)

4.1. Student Musician Concert Feedback from student performers and their parents

- *This was a fantastic experience for my daughter. When you play with people at a different level, it elevates your own level. This can be said for this experience. Additionally, it opened her up to a beautiful world of music and what could be available to her if she stayed on a musical path!*
- *This opportunity is a great experience for a young musician and shows how music can still be a part of their life as an adult.*
- *This was a lovely experience for (our daughter). She took it very seriously and was honored her director chose her and another student to participate.*
- *It was really fun to play with a good group. It's so much easier to play well when you have a good example (playing) next to you and you stick out for smaller details. Then it's easier to keep playing that way other times! Thanks!*
- *She had a terrific time and felt the other adults were very welcoming. Interesting to learn about the musicians and their backgrounds, also.*

5. Financial overview

As our most recent IRS Form 990 will show, MetWinds remains a solid, financially stable organization with a good balance between cash on hand to underwrite our everyday needs and investments to provide for future needs. We are blessed with a solid support system consisting of generous patrons and friends, audience members, performing members, small businesses, a host of volunteers as well as support from state and local grant programs.

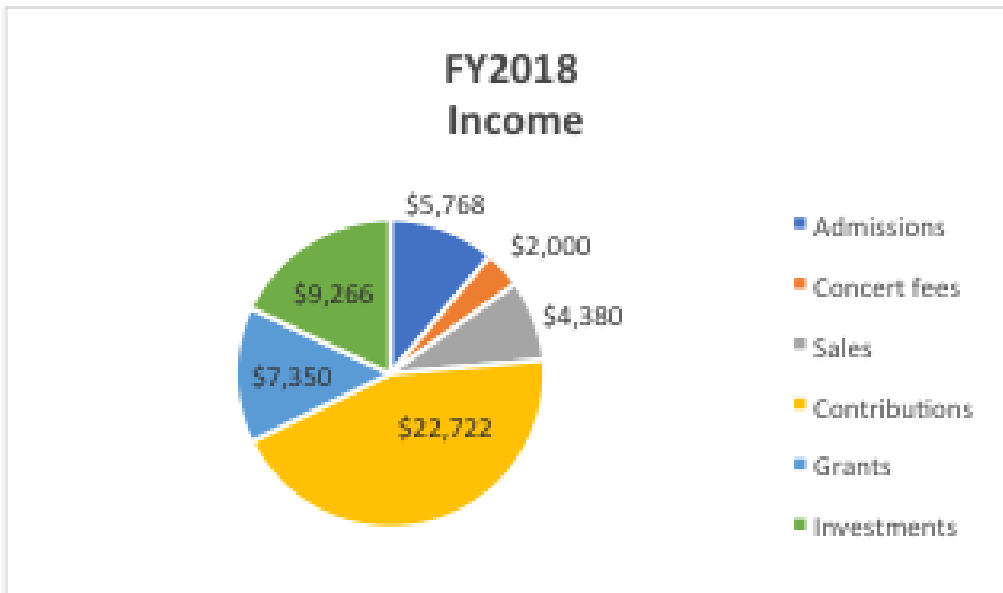
For the past five years this report has focused on the substantial impact of donated in-kind services by a large network of community volunteers. We will continue to report on this as it illustrates the depth and breadth of volunteerism within the Metropolitan Wind Symphony and validates our worth to the community. Put simply, without these volunteer services MetWinds would not be the organization you know today.

- *Over 10,000 hours valued at over \$200,000 were donated in FY 2018*
- *133 volunteers including MetWinds board members, playing members and community members*
- *Total volunteer hours were the equivalent of 5.5 full-time employees*
- *Our cash expenses totaled \$47,000*

These statistics were gathered and will be submitted to the Massachusetts Cultural Council as part of the Cultural Investment Portfolio grant program to which we belong.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie A. Hansen President, MetWinds October 27, 2018

5.1. FY 2018 Income



5.2. FY 2018 Expenses

