



The Music Hall BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS,
ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 SEASON

DAVID HILLS SUCCEEDS Michael C. HarveLL
AS MUSIC HALL BOARD PRESIDENT

FIVE NEW BOARD MEMBERS WELCOMED

GROUP CELEBRATES CONTINUED STRONG SALES
IN THE CURRENT SEASON: \$1.9M IN TICKETS SOLD

FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, RECORD PRE-SEASON TICKET SALES: UP 19%

Portsmouth, NH, June 15, 2011 - At today's annual retreat of The Music Hall Board of Trustees, 29 community leader board members gathered in a morning working session to review the business of the arts organization and to elect officers of the Executive Committee for 2011-2012.

David Hills, a partner at Veris Wealth Partners, was elected President. Josephine Lamprey was elected Vice President. Harry Schult remains Treasurer. Barbara Henry was elected Secretary. Danny O'Brien will continue as an 'At Large' member of the Executive Committee; and Gail VanHoy Carolan of Seascope Capital Management was elected a new 'At Large' member.

The Board also celebrated the work of Michael C. Harvell, an attorney at Sheehan Phinney

Bass + Green, who is retiring as President after four years of service and a total of nine years on the Music Hall Board of Trustees.

Said Patricia Lynch, “Mike has been a thoughtful and strategic leader in helping to create the new new Music Hall, a powerhouse performing arts center serving the community in two locations. I have learned much from him as a team builder, a visionary community member, and a friend.”

Also leaving the Board are Jamie Forbes, Opus Advisors, LLC; Doug Nelson, Executive Committee Member at Large, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Daniel Schwarz, Esq.; Jackson Lewis, LLP; and Betsy Cosgrove.

Added Lynch, “Under Mike’s leadership, the Board team has accomplished great things, particularly with the care and commitment of these key board members who are retiring. Jamie Forbes helped us enormously on our membership and marketing efforts. Doug Nelson guided us brilliantly in the ways of facilities management – he was the force behind the restoration and renovations of the past five years, including the creation of The Music Hall Loft Center for Performing Arts, Literature and Education. Dan is a legal mastermind who guided us through many key moments. And, I cannot thank Betsy enough for her inspired work on The Music Hall’s strategic plan. I will miss them all.”

The Board welcomed five new members: Ben Auger, Auger Building Company, Inc; Debra Ford, Jackson Lewis, LLP; Robert W. Hickey, M.D., Allergy Associates of New Hampshire; Jeffrey Mountjoy, Olde Port Properties; and David Splaine, Ellis Insurance Agency.

In addition to these new members, the Board of Trustees for the 2011-2012 season also includes: Geoffrey E. Clark, M.D.; Betsy Cole; Brook Gassner, Rudi’s of Portsmouth; Angelynne Koromilas Hinson, vocal artist; Ann Kendall; Philip Marcus; Jay McSharry, Jumpin’ Jay’s Fish Café, 106 Kitchen & Bar, Dos Amigos Burritos; Albert Morales, American Renewables; Kathleen Murray; Elisabeth Robinson, Whole Life Health Care; Jennifer Shulman; Toby Stowe, Albert P. Stowe, CPA, PLLC ; as well as two Ex-Officio Members: Jameson French, Northland Forest Products and Patricia Lynch.

Said outgoing Board of Trustees President Mike Harvell, “As we close this fiscal year, I am enormously grateful for the service of this hardworking board. In partnership with The Music Hall professional staff, they have accomplished much in this record-breaking year, most particularly the opening the Music Hall Loft Center for Performing Arts, Literature and Education. Few organizations are as bold and yet as

nimble as The Music Hall; and, in this year, our efforts have been rewarded by strong results and by unwavering community support, enabling us to meet our goals not only in ticket sales but in membership and sponsorships. I am leaving the organization full of energy and ready for the next round of challenges. I am particularly pleased to be leaving this organization in the capable hands of David Hills, who, I know, will be a most conscientious and dedicated steward.” added Harvell.

Said Board of Trustees incoming President David Hills, “I look forward to working with Patricia and her team in the years ahead as we continue in our mission to serve the community and secure this American Treasure for the Arts for future generations.”

The Music Hall Board reviewed results from the past year and looked to the year ahead. The popularity of The Music Hall’s performances is at an all-time high, driven by The Music Hall’s signature series, now presented in two locations, the Historic Theater and The Music Hall Loft on Congress Street. Year-to-date gross ticket sales for 2010-2011 Music Hall presentations reached \$1.9 million (July 1, 2010, to June 13, 2011).

Early interest in upcoming performances in the Music Hall’s 2011-2012 season is breaking records: ticket sales in the first week on sale (June 4-June 11) were up 19% over the same period last year. Sales are now open to Music Hall members exclusively. Ticket sales to the general public begin Saturday, June 25, at noon.

The most popular shows in the coming season are k.d. lang (7/12), Emmylou Harris (7/29), and Lily Tomlin (11/9). The season is flush with top authors whose books have been translated into films – Ben Mezrich (7/21) (The Social Network) and Chuck Palahniuk (11/3) (Fight Club), musical performances from Madeleine Peyroux (10/4) to the Soweto Gospel Choir (2/13), three circuses including Cirque Mechanics new Boom Town show((2/11), and thrilling dance ranging from the sensual Kings of Salsa (10/12) to the ethereal Martha Clarke’s Angel Reapers (10/22). With live shows, films (including Telluride by the Sea) and HD broadcasts (including Met@The Music Hall) at both the Historic Theater and the new intimate Music Hall Loft, it’s a packed season at The Music Hall.

According to Patricia Lynch, Executive Director of The Music Hall, “Here at The Music Hall, our passionate curators are committed to bringing the world to Portsmouth. They know that our members and patrons love to laugh, love to explore and learn, love to be entertained by artists at the top of their game. When our patrons make the Music Hall the place for their special occasions or simply an evening

or afternoon out, they know they can spend invaluable time with friends and family weaving together memories. What you'll experience with our onstage and onscreen offerings is really a celebration of life on the Seacoast – and of course, when you come to the Music Hall, we know you'll take advantage of the whole Portsmouth scene, the setting, restaurants, great shops, and other cultural attractions, which make this the place to be!"

About The Music Hall: An American Treasure for the Arts

The Music Hall is a performing arts powerhouse featuring curated entertainment from around the world in two theaters in its downtown Portsmouth, New Hampshire campus - one, a landmark 1878 Victorian theater, the other the intimate Music Hall Loft around the corner from the Historic Theater. Acclaimed signature series bring top authors and artists to both stages, while HD broadcasts and independent film fill both screens. Two radio shows broadcast on NH Public Radio originate here. This dynamic arts center urges patrons to Explore + Learn via master classes, post film panel discussions, and matinees for children. An anchor cultural organization in this historic working seaport, The Music Hall is one of downtown Portsmouth's biggest employers and largest contributors to the regional economy. The Music Hall is 501c3 nonprofit managed by a professional staff with the assistance of a volunteer board. Though global in the scope of its artists and programs, The Music Hall operates independently with the support of 3,000 members, 300 business supporters and 40 community partners. Welcoming more than 100,000 patrons (including 20,000 children) each year from the tri-state area and beyond, The Music Hall is the region's center for the performing arts, literature and education...easy to get to, impossible to forget.

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