



Board of Directors

Maryann McGeorge, President
David deVries Louisa Matthew
Elizabeth Ellard Bliss McIntosh
Nancy Krauss Robbie McIntosh
Sharon Kruger

Artistic Director

Lila Brown

Consulting Directors

Judith Gordon, Rhonda Rider

Administrator

Teresa Manocchia

*“The point of music is community...musicians link the audience
to the music and to each other.”*

Trey Anastasio

November 2024

During this time of such bitter division it seems most appropriate to celebrate those things that bring us together...as a family, as friends, and as a community. A shared love of beautiful music is certainly one of them.

And that's what **Music from Salem** has delivered for over 35 years...stunning music in intimate settings in one of the loveliest 'communities' anywhere.

2024 was another wonderful year of glorious music-making. Exceptional programs. Superb artists. Exhilarating performances. It was also the year that founder, Lila Brown, became a year-round resident of Salem. Lila's enthusiastic embrace of community launched inaugural **MfS** concerts at Fort Salem Theater and the Historic Salem Court House. There were 'pop-up' concerts at bakeries and coffee shops. The music students at Cambridge High School enjoyed a special Open Rehearsal. All harbingers of what's in store in 2025 and beyond.

It costs about \$75,000 a year to keep the music playing. Some of that comes from New York State or local foundation grants...which are never assured. Some of that comes from fundraising events, silent auctions, and raffles. Only about 10% comes from ticket sales to our concerts. That means that the balance must come from the communities that love and support us. That means all of you.

We have set a goal of raising \$25,000 through this annual appeal. I know that sounds like a lot. It is. However, it is only a third of what **Music from Salem** will need to fund our 2025 season. Another season that enriches our communities while it feeds our souls.

We ask that you please consider a generous donation. Or perhaps you would like to become a monthly sustainer. I promise that you will not be disappointed.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maryann McGeorge'.

Maryann McGeorge, President

MfS is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and receives funding from our audiences, local businesses and by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature. All contributions are tax deductible.

PO Box 454, Cambridge, New York 12816
518.232.2347 * info@musicfromsaalem.org * www.musicfromsaalem.org