



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

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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 2019 Annual Report contains highlights of our artistic and organizational accomplishments, community involvement and feedback, and a financial overview for the 48th season of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony which ended on August 31, 2019.

## 2. Artistic Highlights

- Andy Wilds, MetWinds Alto Saxophone soloist, Fall concert (11/4/18)
- Michael Hanley, Guest vocalist, Holiday concert (12/1/18)
- Robert Howe, MetWinds English Horn soloist, Winter concert (3/3/19)
- Wolcott Humphrey, MetWinds Clarinet soloist, ACB Convention, Spring concert, Festival of Bands (4/27/19, 5/5/19, 6/8/19)
- Lewis Buckley, trumpet soloist, Hastings Park (7/18/19)
- Association of Concert Bands 2019 National Convention, Woodcliff Lake, NJ- MetWinds was selected to perform at this prestigious event (4/27/19)
- Three works arranged by MetWinds Music Director, Lewis J. Buckley and performed by MetWinds: *Concertino for English Horn* (3/3/19); *Carmen Suite* (5/5/19, 7/25/19, 7/28/19); *The Music Man* (5/5/19, 6/8/19, 7/25/19, 7/28/19)
- 31st Annual Boston Festival of Bands, Faneuil Hall, Boston, featuring seven bands from Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island. Attendance: 2,300+ (6/8/19)
- Hastings Park Outdoor Concert Series, Lexington.  
3 performances (7/11/19, 7/18/19, 7/25/19) Attendance: 450+<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

- Pinebank Promontory, Jamaica Plain outdoor concert cosponsored by The Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Boston Parks and Recreation. Attendance: 275+ (7/28/19)

### 3. Organizational and Educational Highlights

- 34 select middle and high school student musicians from fifteen area schools rehearsed and performed on stage with MetWinds (5/5/19)
- Two concert sponsors funded summer outdoor concerts: Lew Buckley sponsored and conducted *Stars and Stripes Forever* (7/25/19); Sarah Freeman sponsored the Pinebank concert with Gerry Wright as *Olmsted* conducting *Stars and Stripes Forever* (7/28/19)
- 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](http://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 2019 we donated:

- North Middlesex Regional High School Service Learning Program: Two adult tickets to the 2019 Winter and Spring concerts
- St. John of Damascus Church: 2018 Holiday concert<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
- 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](http://www.lexmedia.org)
- 31st Annual Boston Festival of Bands, Faneuil Hall, Boston- free admission from

11 am to 6 pm (6/8/19)

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

- *I'm grateful for the opportunity to play with your group, and hope to be like MetWinds musicians when I'm older and still want to be involved in music.*
- *I liked how the adults were supportive and helped with the music.*
- *I appreciate this opportunity and would love to come back and play again*
- *Thank you for such an amazing experience! I really enjoyed playing with the band.*

#### **4.2. Audience Feedback**

- *A note to say how much I enjoyed Sunday's concert! The playing was crisp, expressive, and exciting, and solo contributions from all sections were particularly fine. I'm blown away by MWS's musical growth/evolution over the past years - well done all!*
- *I like the variety in the programs. For me, the quality of the musicians is excellent and important, why I attend.*
- *Concerts extraordinary in quality! Wonderful! Congratulations! Thank you. A terrific service to the community. Truly enjoyable!*
- *Beautiful selection, with good variety. I particularly enjoyed the Lincolnshire Posy and Amazing Grace. Lovely hall and convenient location.*
- *It was my first MetWinds concert and definitely not the last. Thank you for such a great concert!*

### **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.

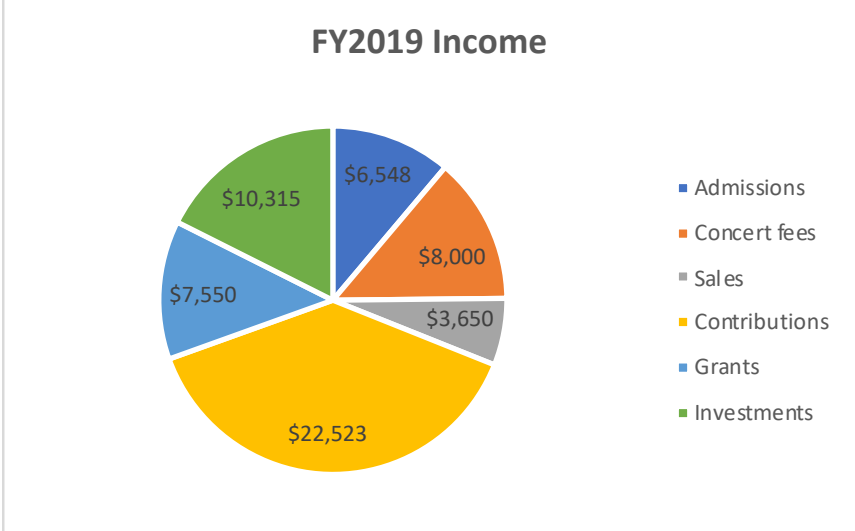
For the past five years this report has focused on the substantial impact of donated in-kind services by a large network of community volunteers. We will continue to report on this as it illustrates the depth and breadth of volunteerism within the Metropolitan Wind Symphony and validates our worth to 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 2019*
- *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 \$52,400*

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 November 3, 2019

### 5.1. FY 2019 Income



### 5.2. FY 2018 Expenses

