



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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1. Overview

The mission of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony (MetWinds) is to contribute positively to the musical education and enrichment of the community through public performance of traditional and contemporary wind music, serve as a channel for the commission and presentation of new musical works, and provide an enjoyable, challenging, inclusive, and educational musical experience for the members.

This FY 2022 Annual Report contains highlights of our artistic and organizational accomplishments, community involvement and feedback, and a financial overview for the fifty-first season of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony which ended on August 31, 2022.

2. Artistic Highlights

- Eric Melley, guest conductor, Fall concert (10/24/21)
- First virtual Holiday Pops concert, filmed by Dedham TV and shared via YouTube (December 2021)
- Mark Olson, Meghan MacFadden, Nicole Mlynczak, guest conductors, Holiday Pops concert (Dec. 2021)
- Andy Wilds, MetWinds Alto Saxophone soloist, Winter concert (3/6/22)
- Steven Lipsitt, guest conductor, Winter concert (3/6/22)
- Lewis Buckley, guest conductor, Spring concert (5/1/22)
- Rick Wyman, guest conductor, Spring concert (5/1/22)
- MetWinds 50th Anniversary Commission and World Premiere, *Symphony No.6* by Julie Giroux, Spring concert (5/1/22)
- James O'Dell, guest conductor, Boston Festival of Bands (6/11/22)
- 32nd Annual Boston Festival of Bands, Faneuil Hall, Boston, featuring seven bands from Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Attendance:

1,200+ (6/11/22)

- Hastings Park Outdoor Concert Series, Lexington.
3 performances (7/14/22, 7/21/22, 7/28/22) Attendance: 365+
- Bruce Houston, Meghan MacFadden, Nicole Mlynczak, Mark Olson, guest conductors, Outdoor season (July 2022)

3. Organizational and Educational Highlights

- After an extended timeline due to the COVID-19 shutdown, MetWinds completed our search for a new music director. Richard Wyman was selected and we are anxious to begin this new MetWinds chapter when Rick begins his tenure at the beginning of FY2023.
- After 20+ years of dedicated service, MetWinds Associate Conductor and Acting Music Director, James O'Dell, retired in June 2022. His leadership and musicianship will be dearly missed.
- Greg Depp sponsored the Hastings Park Outdoor Concert Series in honor of his late wife, Maureen. Our newly appointed MetWinds Music Director, Rick Wyman, conducted *Stars and Stripes*.
- 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 2022 we donated:

- MetWinds Fall concert: free admission to all (10/24/21)
- St. John of Damascus Church and Dedham TV: 2021 Holiday concert video
- Town of Lexington: three summer outdoor concerts- free admission to all (7/14/22, 7/21/22, 7/28/22)
- 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
- 32nd Annual Boston Festival of Bands, Faneuil Hall, Boston- free admission from 11 am to 6 pm (6/11/22)

4.1 Audience member Feedback:

- *This concert was exceptional! I thoroughly enjoyed it all.*
- *Delightful concert. Wonderful conductor. He was engaging and informative. Excellent program, really interesting pieces.*
- *Wonderful performers, conductor, and program. Loved it all. Top notch musicians (soloist too!!) and varied and strong program*
- *The concert was beautifully arranged, and the conductor did a wonderful job. Program well-planned and the venue is a great choice.*
- *Great conductor. One of best conductors I've seen and worked with in Boston or anywhere.*
- *We enjoy the unique music & the pre-concert lecture. Thank you for having the composer speak to us! Thank you for the world premiere!*
- *Thoroughly & totally enjoyable! Great program. Very impressed by the variety & quality.*

- *Guest conductor was fantastic –relaxed, pleasant, interesting & knowledgeable. Interesting choice of music –never boring*
- *Loved the piece by Markowski!! Please include more works like this in your concerts! This is such a strong group of musicians. I always look forward to hearing the material, my husband brings home to practice.*

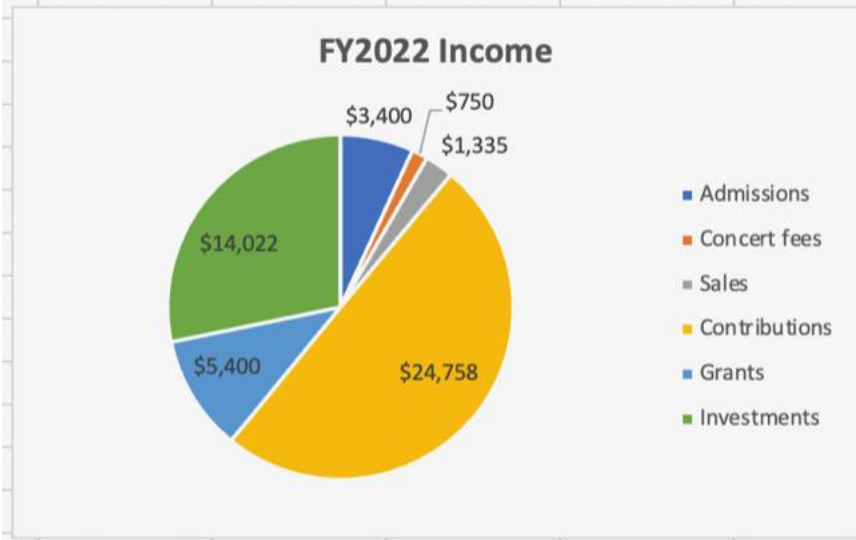
5. Financial overview

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.

Our support system plus previous savings and investments “for a rainy day” became vitally important during the COVID-19 lockdown. With no public activity to generate earned income, we had to rely on generous donors, grants, and our savings to pay day-to-day expenses. When we cautiously reopened in the fall of 2021, COVID was still active and in-person attendance lagged. Attendance gradually picked up throughout 2022 with the winter, spring, and summer concerts. We are optimistic that this trend will continue.

Respectfully submitted, *Leslie A. Hansen*, President, MetWinds, October 1, 2022

5.1. FY 2022 Income



5.2. FY 2022 Expenses

