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*Music from Salem*

*Where words leave off, music begins.*

**Heinrich Heine**

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Music! It opens our imaginations, deepens our feelings, and brings us together...crossing boundaries of age, language and culture.

Since 1986 **Music from Salem** has brought musicians of international reputation together to perform in the peace and beauty of Washington County, New York. With world-class standards, **MfS** artists offer up repertoire that spans time and place including beloved classics, contemporary and commissioned works, and music from diverse cultural traditions. The superb acoustics and intimate setting of historic Hubbard Hall showcase the brilliance of each performance and allows a rapport between artist and listener that makes each concert an extraordinary and unique experience.

In addition, **Music from Salem** offers educational opportunities throughout the community...children's workshops, open rehearsals, intensive seminars for emerging professional musicians, 'listening club' study groups...all designed to engage and delight the listener.

As anyone who has been to a concert in the past few years knows, we make no bones about the fact that the music plays on only through the generosity of our fans and friends. I've been asked many times to describe a bit about what that generosity pays for. Here are just a few examples:

- ❖ \$4,000 pays the musicians for one concert
- ❖ \$1,800 pays for one week of artists' residence at the Brown Farm during the performance season
- ❖ \$750 pays for printing our annual brochure
- ❖ \$100 pays for one piano tuning
- ❖ \$50 pays for printing programs for one concert

Music from Salem remains dedicated to its mission of enriching our community with beautiful music. However, as you can see, at our suggested admission of \$25 our ticket prices will never cover our expenses. To keep the music playing the difference must be underwritten by the generosity of our loyal donors...people like you.

So we unabashedly ask for your help. A little or a lot...every dollar counts. Whether you contribute online at our website or by mail to our address or at a concert in person, please know that your support from now through next spring directly supports the programming in our coming season.

We are deeply grateful for the support you have shown in the past. We look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 season!

Thank you,

Maryann McGeorge, President

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