

Thank you for being a part of Cabinet of Wonder 2024!

Mechanics' Hall's mission is to uphold our founders' visionary ideals of making **knowledge, ideas, and the arts accessible** and to ensure that our historic landmark building remains a **vibrant cultural resource for the arts and humanities.**

JOIN US!

- **MEMBERSHIP:** [Membership starts at \\$50 a year for individuals](#), giving you borrowing privileges from our library, discounts on programs, and joining a growing list of community members, helping us to steward our future.
- **GET INVOLVED:** Join a committee [volunteer in our library](#) or at programs and events.
- **DONATE:** Mechanics' Hall invests in incubating new work, **elevating discourse**, and **inspiring wonder and curiosity**. Here are just a few ways we've done that in the last year:
 - 40 + book launches and literary events feature renowned authors Ann Patchett, Richard Blanco, Celeste Ng, and local Maine writers like Caitlin Shetterly, Jeri Theriault, and Keziah Weir.
 - Three sold-out shows of CarmXn, a new adaptation of the classic opera Carmen exploring boundaries of geopolitics, gender, and genre, produced by Hogfish.
 - Residency with Palaver Strings and littlehousedance for NOISEFLOOR, an interdisciplinary performance with a new composition by Courtney Swain, premiering at Portland's State Theatre in December 2023.
 - Monthly Creatives Gathering by Signature Soul fosters community through idea sharing and music.

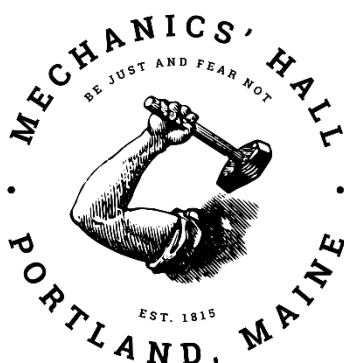
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- **LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PAST & OUR FUTURE:** Mechanics' Hall has a rich history in Maine. Its founders, the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association, built the Hall between 1857 and 1859 as a place for innovators and creators to learn, build community, and gather together to celebrate the impact that arts and humanities can have on a community.

After decades of neglect, the organization has spent the last few years purposefully transforming itself from an ["underused gathering space to a significant player in the downtown arts and culture scene, hosting intimate concerts, dance and theater performances, literary events, and more."](#)

We have recently engaged with the architectural firm Epstein, Joslin + Picardy to work with us on our Concept Design Plan; a two-phased project to restore and revitalize this landmark building for future generations. Want a private history tour? Please email us at admin@mainemechanics.org

THANK YOU!



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