



MECHANICS' HALL was founded in 1815 by the Maine Charitable Mechanic Association to support Maine's creative community: blacksmiths, coopers, artists, innovators, and creators. Between 1857 and 1859, they built Mechanics' Hall in Portland—a communal gathering space with a lending library at its center. Today, our organization celebrates that rich history through literary arts programs, music, performance, and more while working to restore our landmark building as a rich cultural resource.



In 2022, the National Park Service named Mechanics' Hall a Nationally Significant Landmark.

credit: Mark Marchesi

OUR MISSION

Mechanics' Hall is committed to the innovative vision of our founders: to make knowledge, ideas, and arts accessible. We engage our community through cultural events, educational programs, and affordable instruction. We are stewards of a landmark building that houses the 8th oldest membership library in the country and a grand ballroom. We continue to guide the historic preservation of the Hall as a place to gather, celebrate, and learn.

EACH YEAR, WE PRESENT...

- **Over 50** Literary Events in our Library and Ballroom
- **At least four** off-site larger literary events with authors like Zadie Smith and Ann Patchett, with **500 attendees each (2,000+ total)**
- **Over 100** concerts, discussions, and group gatherings

VISITATION

- **12,000** visitors annually
- **10,000** unique web impressions

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Authors Colm Tóibín and Elizabeth Strout in conversation

credit: Tim Greenway









Cuatrista Fabiola Méndez and her band performing in the Mechanics' Hall Ballroom

credit: Jonathan Suazo

Supporting Mechanics' Hall is more than philanthropy— it's a meaningful investment in Portland's community and the vibrancy of our Arts District.

When you help us, you help Congress Street thrive with the pulse of the arts, community, and togetherness. In uncertain, unprecedented times, your sponsorship ensures that Mechanics' Hall continues to thrive and provide vital access to the arts, literature, and humanities.

BENEFITS & VISIBILITY	Preservation Partner \$10,000	Literary Champion \$5,000	Performance Benefactor \$2,500	Arts Advocate \$1,000
Exclusive Sponsor in Category				
Premier recognition in Mechanics' Hall event promotions, website, and social media				
Acknowledgment in pre-event welcome speeches (over 100 events per year, attended by over 4,000 people)				
Tour of ongoing renovation & preservation efforts				
Invitation to a Sponsor Appreciation Event				
Prominent recognition at all literary event programs (over 50 per year)				
One Company Spotlight feature in our bi-weekly newsletter				
VIP Access & reserved seating for select MH Events				
Recognition as the lead supporter of a dance or music performance				
Acknowledgement in annual report				
Acknowledgement in bi-weekly Newsletter				
Recognition on MH website (over 10,000 impressions per year)				
Complimentary Mechanics' Hall Membership	4 Memberships	2 Memberships	1 Membership	1 Membership

