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Happy Holidays

with the MIGHTY WURLITZER

A JOYOUS CELEBRATION

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FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 2022 • 7:00 PM

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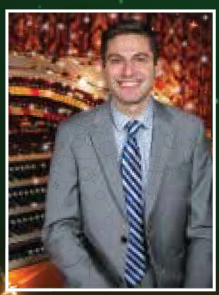

Featured Organist
MARK HERMAN

and Event Host
KYLE INSKEEP

and performances by

OTTO M. BUDIG CINCINNATI BALLET ACADEMY

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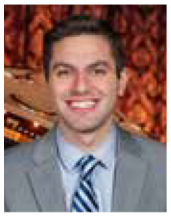
TWELVE YEARS AND THREE CHEERS FOR OUR WURLITZER!

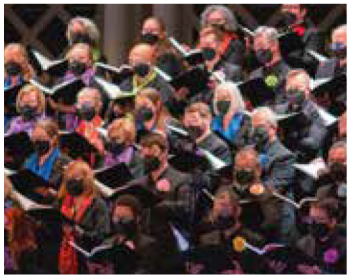
Holidays are made brighter by celebrating together in joyous fashion with returning friends Mark Herman, the Otto M. Budig Cincinnati Ballet Academy as well as with new friends like Kyle Inskeep and the May Festival chorus. In glorious tradition we pair fabulous dance and dazzling vocal performances with the beloved Mighty Wurlitzer. To all of you, our friends, new and well known, we welcome you here to celebrate this season with much gratitude in our hearts.

– Holly Brians Ragusa, Wurlitzer Chair



Mark Herman is one of America's busiest theatre organists, performing over 30 concerts and silent film presentations each year across the US and abroad. In 2012, he was named the American Theatre Organ Society's Organist of the Year and is the youngest person ever to receive the prestigious honor. Previously, he was overall winner of the Society's Young Theatre Organist Competition in 2004. Mark has been featured on several episodes of American Public Media's *Pipedreams* program, and has performed for countless conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society, American Guild of Organists, and Organ Historical Society. On the international stage, he has toured in Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Additionally, his compositions, arrangements, and performances have been heard both on television and in motion pictures. In 2019, he was honored to be featured alongside the Los Angeles Philharmonic for a rare organ solo cameo.

As a film accompanist and scorer, Mark has developed a reputation for dramatic, period-authentic film scores with historically informed presentations that not only resonate with but captivate modern audiences. In 2019, he was commissioned to compose and record two new scores for The Criterion Collection's latest Harold Lloyd Blu-ray release.



May Festival Chorus Tonight's performance features members of the May Festival Chorus, which performs year-round as the official chorus of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Pops, under the direction of Choral Conducting Fellow Christin Sears and Director of Choruses Robert Porco. The complete Chorus includes over 120 auditioned volunteer members from across Greater Cincinnati and has earned critical acclaim locally, nationally and internationally for its musicality, range of repertoire, and sheer power of sound. The ensemble has received numerous awards and national recognition for its recordings, PBS and NPR broadcasts and appearances at Carnegie Hall. The 2023 May Festival Season represents the organization's 150th Anniversary of giving the gift of music, fostering the music makers of tomorrow and presenting our excellent music performed by a chorus of everyday people. In 2021 and 2022, *BBC Music Magazine* named the May Festival "One of the Best Classical Music Festivals in the USA and Canada."

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Cincinnati Ballet Otto M. Budig Academy's Professional Training Division will present excerpts from *The Nutcracker*. The students will perform variations from the ballet including the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Candy Cane Dance (Trepak), and Marzipan Dance (Mirlitons), choreographed by Sarah Hairston Berkley and David Morse after Marius Petipa. *The Nutcracker* is a classic holiday tale first adapted from E.T.A. Hoffmann's "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King." Peter Tchaikovsky composed the music, and it premiered in 1892, becoming the world's beloved Christmas ballet. The story centers around a young girl named Clara who embarks on a candy-coated adventure to the Land of Sweets after she's given a magical Nutcracker on Christmas Eve. Her dreams take her to a wondrous land where a fantastic cast of characters awaits.

Kyle Inskeep joined the Local 12 News team in June 2018. He anchors the 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts with Paula Toti. Prior to moving to Cincinnati, Kyle worked as a morning reporter/fill-in anchor for FOX59 in Indianapolis for three years. While there he covered the 2017 Presidential Inauguration, the 100th running of the Indy 500 and the sentencing of former Subway pitchman Jared Fogle. During his first year out of college, Kyle worked for NBC News in Washington, D.C. He was selected as the 2012 Tim Russert Fellow. As part of this program, Kyle worked as a researcher for the network's "political unit," assisted correspondents and field producers and worked alongside the Meet The Press digital team. Kyle graduated magna cum laude from Butler University with a degree in Electronic Journalism.

Musical numbers will be announced from the stage.

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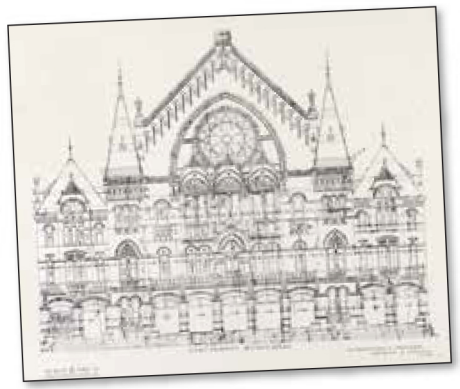
GIFTS FOR LOVERS OF MUSIC HALL

A stunning work of art, this 1879 advertising poster celebrates this magnificent edifice. This elegantly designed Victorian lithograph proclaims the opening of Music Hall as the "Grand Permanent Building" for expositions. This reproduction 22" x 28" print is digitally printed at a high resolution on museum-quality paper with the same vibrant colors of the original and is suitable for framing. Cost is $65.

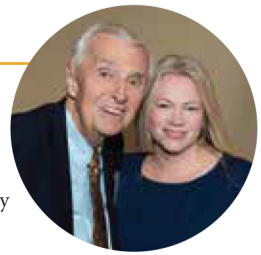


This reproduction of Hannaford & Procter's intricately-detailed architectural drawing of the east façade of the main hall was originally hand-drafted on linen.

This reproduction 15" x 18" print is digitally reproduced at a high resolution on museum-quality paper and is suitable for framing. Cost is $50.

IN MEMORY OF DON SIEKMANN, THE FOUNDING FATHER OF THESE MIGHTY WURLITZER CONCERTS.

Right: Don Siekmann & Holly Brians Ragusa • Photo: Philip Groshong Photography



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Friends of Music Hall is grateful to our many friends!

- MINDY ROSEN, our wonderful Executive Director
- For his skill and dedication, RON WEHMEIER, the Organ Man
- CINCINNATI ARTS ASSOCIATION, for their technical and event support
- For their AV expertise, PUNKY'S PIXELS
- RYAN LEWIS with CIDER MILL PRODUCTIONS for his video expertise
- JOANNE GRUETER, MATT ZORY and MALINDA HARTONG for their stunning photography
- THE FMH WURLITZER EVENTS COMMITTEE for their guidance and input
- A warm welcome to KYLE INSKEEP, our amazing event host
- NICOLE ROBERTS and TABATHA MEHL, graphic designers extraordinaire
- All of our FMH VOLUNTEERS who share their enthusiasm for Music Hall with us every day
- The talented dancers and their teachers at the OTTO M. BUDIG CINCINNATI BALLET ACADEMY
- Our North Pole guests GALEN GORDON, BETSI BROCKMEIER, JUSTICE ANDRONE and ZYON CRAWFORD
- Congratulations to the CINCINNATI MAY FESTIVAL on their 150th Anniversary

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