

Methuen Memorial Music Hall

Listed in "1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts"

The Board of Trustees of the Methuen Memorial Music Hall, Inc. is pleased that the Music Hall is listed in the state's official "1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts". The Music Hall is the only location in the city of Methuen on the list.

The "1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts" initiative celebrates what is unique about the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its communities, and its people. It aims to boost visitation to Massachusetts as well as to give local residents the opportunity to visit known and unknown historic sites, cultural venues, and natural landscapes.

The 1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts Commission was created by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Deval Patrick in 2009. Its mission is to identify and recognize the 1,000 most truly special places in the Commonwealth, in order to celebrate pride in our history and culture, increase knowledge of our natural surroundings, and encourage regional and international tourism.

The program is administered through a partnership of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development; the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism and its regional tourism councils; and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

"This list of 1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts celebrates what a truly special place Massachusetts is," said Eric Turkington of Falmouth, a former state representative who chairs the 1,000 Great Places in Massachusetts Commission. "It reminds us how fortunate we are to have such a wealth of heritage, cultural diversity, and natural beauty right in our backyard."

"There are so many wonderful and exciting places to explore in Massachusetts," said Betsy Wall, executive director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, "the list of 1,000 great places gives visitors the opportunity to see the variety and richness the Commonwealth has to offer."

"It was so exciting to see the enthusiasm this process generated from thousands of residents across the Commonwealth," said Anita Walker, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. "The people of Massachusetts love their state and its special places with passion."

There were over 12,000 nominations. The final list was announced on July 12, 2010.

The complete list appears on the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism web site, at:

http://www.massvacation.com/1000/1000_places.PDF