

LOUISVILLE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

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Press Release

Memorial Day Weekend Patriotic Pipe Organ Concert Celebrating the Auditorium's 92nd Anniversary

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Louisville, KY –To celebrate the historic **Louisville Memorial Auditorium 92nd Anniversary**, the **William H. Bauer Foundation, Inc.** is presenting a special patriotic concert, "**Honor and Remembrance: Patriotic Concert,**" **Memorial Day weekend on Sunday, May 30th 2021 at 3:00 p.m. with doors opening at 2:30 p.m. for the event.**

The program will feature **Guest Organist, Margaret Dickinson**, who will perform a recital of the "**Star-Spangled Banner**" by **Dudley Buck** and other powerful arrangements showcasing the incredible range of the **World's Largest Pilcher Pipe Organ.**

The concert will also include a special live performance by the "**Louisville Chorus Ensemble**" with their beautiful renditions of "**Torch of Liberty**" medley by Roy Ringwald and other favorites as "**This is My Country,**" "**The Stars and Stripes Forever,**" "**Her Name is Liberty**" and "**Armed Forces – The Pride of America!**"

Margaret Dickinson is a former Fulbright scholar who, along with her late husband, Professor Melvin Dickinson, studied in Germany with famed teacher and Bach scholar Helmut Walcha. "Ms. Dickinson will play the auditorium's huge 1928 Henry Pilcher's Sons pipe organ of 5,288 pipes," said Philp T. Hines, Jr., William H. Bauer Foundation, Inc.

"It is our pleasure to be hosting live performances again in the community's only public auditorium and WWI War Memorial. Join us for a unique program to honor the many veterans who have and continue to serve their country, while celebrating another year of the auditorium serving the community," said Kelly Gream, Executive Director, Louisville Memorial Auditorium.

The community is invited to share memories and thoughts to honor veterans lost in remembrance of Memorial Day at www.facebook.com/louisvillememorialauditorium and view the 90th anniversary nostalgic presentation while learning more about the amazing collection of **historic world-famous flags from WWI and WWII and the World's Largest Pilcher Pipe Organ** by visiting www.louisvillememorialauditorium.com.

Last year the **Wyncote Foundation** awarded a **\$75,000 matching grant** to the Louisville Memorial Auditorium Foundation, Inc. for further preservation of the Pilcher Pipe Organ. Private benefactors and the **William H. Bauer Foundation, Inc.** donated an **additional \$33,000 to increase the project budget to \$110,000** for the needed repairs. Generous contributions can be made by visiting www.lmafoundation.org and to learn more about the foundation which was created to ensure the auditorium can continue to serve the community for future generations.

About the Louisville Memorial Auditorium

The unique venue offers rich history, architectural beauty and a remarkable stage experience complete with lighting and sound systems to produce a memorable event, a Louisville Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places and dedicated on Memorial Day in 1929. As a multi-purpose entertainment facility the venue offers a variety of unique rental spaces for a variety of events. The auditorium was built from the outgrowth of two movements: one for a public auditorium, the other for a memorial to commemorate the deeds of the sons and daughters of Louisville, KY and Jefferson County who served in WWI. Over the years many concerts, graduations, dance recitals and competitions, stage productions and other interesting events have been held at the venue.

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