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Community Fully Funds Restoration of Historic Kilgen Pipe Organ at the Hartland Music Hall

Hartland, MI – May 13, 2025 – Cromaine District Library and the Hartland Messiah Chorus are proud to announce the successful completion of the $30,000 fundraising campaign to fully restore the iconic Kilgen Pipe Organ at the Historic Hartland Music Hall.

Fundraising work began with a generous grant from the Hartland Schools Foundation and a successful fundraiser concert held in May of 2024, featuring organist Rick Helderop.

The final phase of the fundraising effort was a benefit concert held May 2, 2025, featuring the talents of organists Dr. Rose Stevens and Freeman Tucker, and vocal soloists Amy Susan Heard and Jack Little, who donated their time and artistry to support the cause. Cromaine Library also extends heartfelt thanks to the recent concert sponsors—Snedicor's Cleaners, Glenn and Jeannine Gogoleski, Don Thompson, and the MacBride Family

Thanks to the unwavering generosity of the community—through individual donations, business sponsorships, ticket purchases, and volunteer contributions—The final $8,000 was raised, completing the full funding of the restoration!

Repair work is scheduled for completion this fall, ensuring the Kilgen will ring out in full splendor for our cherished holiday concert season, including the 92nd annual performance of *Handel's Messiah* planned for December 13, 2025.

Thanks to all who got involved with this effort over the past two years - supporters have ensured that the majestic sounds of the Kilgen Pipe Organ will continue to inspire and delight for generations to come.

To further support the Historic Hartland Music Hall or the Kilgen Organ, please contact:
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Online donations for the ongoing care of the Hall or Organ can be made at bit.ly/hartlandmusichallgive