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Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ announces new executive director

PORTLAND, Maine – Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ (FOKO) is pleased to announce the appointment of Adam MacDonald as executive director. In the role, MacDonald will work closely with the board of directors in shaping the future of the organization while advancing the organ’s place on the cultural stage of Portland, New England, and beyond.

“We are thrilled to welcome Adam as our new leader,” said David Kirstein, FOKO board president. “His creativity and energy will be a tremendous asset as we work to bring people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities closer to the mighty Kotzschmar.”

MacDonald has worked in Maine’s nonprofit sector for over 15 years. Most recently, he served as marketing director for Portland Downtown. During his six-year tenure, MacDonald elevated the profile of the organization through strategic planning, creative business partnerships, and major community events such as Merry Madness and Downtown Worker Appreciation Day.

“The Kotzschmar Organ is one of Portland’s most incredible treasures,” said MacDonald. “I am honored to work alongside the board and our phenomenal municipal organist, James Kennerley, in delivering exceptional musical and educational programs. The organ is a marvel that truly demands to be seen and heard – and I can’t wait for more people to experience this awe-inspiring instrument.”

About the Kotzschmar Organ

The Kotzschmar Organ is a nationally recognized pipe organ housed in the historic Merrill Auditorium in Portland, Maine. After a devastating fire in 1908, the organ was a gift to the City from publishing magnate, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, in memory of Hermann Kotzschmar, his music teacher and namesake. The annual performance schedule includes a Halloween silent film accompanied by a thrilling organ soundtrack, *Christmas with Kennerley*, and the *Bach Birthday Bash* in March.

About Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ

Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ (FOKO) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization authorized in 1981 by the City of Portland to preserve, maintain, and promote the Kotzschmar Organ through world-class entertainment and engagement programs. For more information visit foko.org.

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