



Friends of the
Kotzschmar Organ
PO Box 7455
Portland, ME 04112

Community *Adult Education*

Behind the Façade

Take a walk inside the organ, hear all the wonderful sounds the mighty Kotzschmar can produce and learn about the workings of this majestic instrument.

Private tours for groups can be arranged and tailored to your event.

Docent Training

If you are interested in becoming a FOKO Docent to assist with tours of the organ and our educational outreach this is the program for you. Training consists of several sessions with Ray Cornils and David Wallace, learning the inner workings of the instrument, its history and about the man for whom it was named: Hermann Kotzschmar.

Kotzschmar Konversations

Visiting artists join audience members for informal talks before the concerts.

Need an event for your clients, networking group, service club, conventions? How about a display at your local library, town hall or museum?

Speakers' Bureau

FOKO staff, board and volunteers deliver the stories about the organ, its history, renovation and return, complete with Power Point presentations.

Exhibits

Pipes, videos, photos and more telling the Kotzschmar story.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

(Adults) Courses and lectures are offered through OLLI. Visit their website for course updates. www.usm.maine.edu/olli



EXPLORE



Family & Youth Concerts

Meet the King of Instruments

Annual Youth Concert for grades 3-6 at Merrill Auditorium. This interactive program, explores the sounds, history, physics and music of the Kotschmar through a variety of musical styles. Teacher packets with activities and lessons based on the Learning Standards are sent in advance of the concert. Tours of the Kotschmar are available following the show.

Kids, Kartoons & Kotschmar Family Concert

Annual Family Concert featuring familiar tunes, an artist drawing to music and vintage, "silent" cartoons that come to life with live organ improvisation. Complete with pre-concert activities and post-concert walks through the Kotschmar. An event not to be missed!

Silent Films

"Silent" films were never silent. In the early 20th century, before the technology was available for recorded sound, there was always some type of musical accompaniment ranging from a piano to theatre organ or a full orchestra. The Kotschmar Organ is an impressive vehicle to support the film-maker's craft.

Experience the nation's finest organists improvising entire movies' musical scores on the mighty Kotschmar. Cheering the heroes, booing the villains and gales of laughter are strongly encouraged!

School Programs

Expressing the Music

Pre-K – Kindergarten

Pre-school and Kindergarten students are engaged in listening to a wide variety of music from Bach through Messiaen. After discussing what feelings/emotions the music evoked, children are encouraged to "express the music" through tempera paint, chalk, crayons, and magic markers.

Kotschmar 4 Kids Grades 3-6

An in-school program which uses the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and Olivier Messiaen to support learning standards in science, mathematics, music, art, language arts, social studies and technology. A portable pipe organ provides hands-on experiences in the classroom during the time of artists' visits and class work.

Kotscharama and the music of French composer Olivier Messiaen All School Event

A multi-faceted, interdisciplinary experience engaging students of various ages in an assortment of art forms (including water colors and sand painting), three dimensional art, physics (sound wave energy), creative writing, movement, videography, and use of technology.

Assembly Program

A 45-minute interactive exploration of the pipe organ in a school assembly format. With Kotschmar Jr., our portable demonstration organ, and several video clips, we introduce students to the organ, its workings and its music. Teacher packets with activities based on the Learning Standards are sent prior to the assembly.

Pipes and Physics High School

Incorporate the physics of the pipe organ in your high school physics classroom. Touring the windchest makes the physics "come alive" as your students experience the inner workings of the pipe organ.

NOTE: All programs are adaptable to your school setting. FOKO staff work with the teachers to support their needs in the classroom.

Kotschmar Memorial Trust Scholarship

Each year, FOKO administers auditions for students (ages 12-25) in the Greater Portland area for this scholarship that was started by Mrs. Kotschmar in memory of her husband, Hermann Kotschmar. Recipients receive monetary awards to further their music studies.

