



Pictured left to right: Steven Trettel, President of the Board of the Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation, Inc.; Paul Surapine, Executive & Artistic Director of Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra; Thomas R. Venables, President of the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation and Mariane E. Broadhurst, SVP / Retail Banking for Benjamin Franklin Bank.

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**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATES \$10,000 TO CLAFLIN HILL MUSIC PERFORMANCE FOUNDATION, INC.**

**Milford, MA** – Paul Surapine, Executive & Artistic Director of The Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce a \$10,000 donation from the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation. “The Benjamin Franklin Bank was one of our original supporters when we started our ‘Family Night at the Bandstand’ concerts in Milford Town Park, and their generous donations over the years have helped us expand the music concert series and programs we offer the community,” said Surapine.

“In addition to our ‘Family Night at the Bandstand,’ we also have ‘The Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra’ and our ‘Memorial Hall Chamber Series’ concerts. And, we’ve developed two educational series – one for adults and one for children. Our ‘Adventures In Listening – The Class’ is an adult education class in Milford that teaches adult listeners about classical music. The other program, ‘Adventures in Listening Children’s Concerts,’ performs concerts throughout the year in area schools,” added Surapine.

“Continuing our mission of educating, elevating and entertaining the community wouldn’t be possible without the continuing support of donors like Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation,” Surapine insists. “It’s especially important for the children in this era of school cut-backs. Claflin Hill supplements culture for children who may not normally have an opportunity to witness the creation of live music.”

According to Thomas R. Venables, President of the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, “The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation provides funding support to charitable causes and community development activities in the communities served by Benjamin Franklin Bank.”

“The Foundation has identified four primary areas of focus: education, health and human services, youth programs and community development. The Claflin Hill Music Performance Foundation provides both a cultural and educational outlet for area citizens. We are happy to be able to assist this valuable community resource,” added Venables.

The Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation serves the communities of Bellingham, Blackstone, Foxboro, Franklin, Hopedale, Medfield, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Millis, Newton, Norfolk, Waltham and Wrentham. For information about the Benjamin Franklin Bank Charitable Foundation, please contact Mariane E. Broadhurst at: (508) 528-7000 x360 or by email at: [mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com](mailto:mbroadhurst@benfranklinbank.com).

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