

# Exterior Historic Rehabilitation of the Boston Symphony Hall

Boston, MA

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**B**oston Symphony Hall has been the home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since the Hall opened on October 15, 1900. Symphony Hall is a treasure for Boston, MA, and the restoration of this property ensures that the City of Boston will continue to be cultured by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops, and other great creators and performers of musical arts for years to come. Through means of properly executing historical masonry restoration and cleaning, the project brought this local and national landmark closer to its original appearance.

The four-phase historical masonry restoration project started in May 2011, and was completed in September 2014. To work around the concert and rehearsal schedules at the hall, the phases of work were performed during the months of May through September each year. The scope of work included repointing and replacement of the brick, limestone, and granite. Dutchman repairs were also performed to the limestone and granite. The entire masonry exterior was thoroughly cleaned, including the removal of some deeply embedded stains from copper, graffiti, previously used materials, and atmospheric soiling. The majority of the work was accessed with pipe scaffolding. On the Huntington Avenue elevation, the pipe scaffolding was installed on large steel beams to keep the loads from the scaffolding off the vaulted granite stairs.

The masonry rehabilitation was seamlessly executed in the presence of multiple trades, contractors, and projects being performed on and around the site. The owner's decision to bring back all companies involved for each of the phases was a testament to the success of the team effort by the construction manager, consultant, mason, and owner.

## Boston Symphony Hall

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