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TOM STRINI TO ADDRESS MUSIC CLUB

Milwaukee, WI – The MacDowell Club of Milwaukee will hold its 103rd Annual Meeting and Luncheon at 11:30 A.M., Friday, September 14th, at the Woman’s Club of Wisconsin, 813 East Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee. The guest speaker will be **Tom Strini**, well-known to concert-goers through his many years as the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel’s music, dance and critic-at-large. Now Managing Co-Partner and Senior Editor of the Vital Media Group, he provides extensive coverage of the area’s many cultural activities via the on-line magazine, Third Coast Digest. His ever-timely topic will be, “Useful Criticism: Beyond Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down.”

Honored at the luncheon will be **Wallace McClain Cheatham**, internationally-acclaimed musician and scholar who, this October, will be inducted into the Knoxville College Hall of Fame. An organist, pianist and composer, his works span a variety of genres and have been performed in national and international settings, the most recent being his “Suite for Soprano Saxophone and Organ” at the World Saxophone Congress in Scotland. He will be presented with a gold 25-year pin commemorating his quarter-century membership in the Club.

A special Distinguished Member Award will be bestowed on venerable pianist **Milton Peckarsky**, a long-time Performing Member of the MacDowell Club, in recognition of his many contributions to our city’s cultural life, his countless solo and chamber music appearances throughout Wisconsin – especially as an ambassador for contemporary music - and his years of dedicated service to the Club.

Reservations are \$25 per person and will close on Monday, September 10th. Checks, made payable to the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee, go to the Treasurer, **Sheri Masiakowski**, 5589 Arrowwood Street, Greendale, WI 53129-1365. For further details, contact Vice-President of Special Events, **Christine O’Meally** at 414-218-0638 or visit macdowellclubmilwaukee.org.

The event also heralds the 103rd series of concerts by Performing Members of the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee to which the public is most cordially invited. Held at various venues throughout the greater Milwaukee area, the first - again at the Woman’s Club of Wisconsin - will be 10:30 Friday, October 19th. The MacDowell Club supports and encourages musical accomplishment and is open to all. For information on joining, or about the January 6th auditions for Performing Membership, go to the Club’s website at macdowellclubmilwaukee.com.

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