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MUSIC CLUB PRESENTS NEW MEMBERS IN CONCERT

What: First concert of 100th season

When: 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, 25 October 2009

Where: Kendall Theater, Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 N. Yates Road, Fox Point

Milwaukee, WI – The MacDowell Club of Milwaukee announces the opening concert of its 100th season at 3 P.M. Sunday, the 25th of October, 2009. It will be held in the Nancy Kendall Theater, 6801 North Yates Road, Fox Point, located in the Joan Steele Stein Center for Communications / Fine Arts on the Cardinal Stritch University campus. Entitled “Discoveries”, the program will introduce its six new Performing Members in a broad spectrum of vocal and instrumental compositions -- from Domenico Cimarosa (c. 1799) to Rhonda Larson (written in 2003).

Making their MacDowell Club debuts are flutists **Carolyn Atwell**, **Ana de la Cuesta**, mezzo-soprano **Linda Ehlers**, and accompanist **Carla Coonan** (all of Milwaukee); oboist **Judith Smeiska** (Oconomowoc); and pianist **Patricia Witt** (Whitefish Bay). Additional artists are Club members **Linda Hartig**, flute (Waukesha); **Gail Hodkiewicz**, clarinet (Hales Corners); **Julie Maurer** mezzo-soprano (South Milwaukee); and **Suzanne Pajunen**, piano (Wauwatosa).

Opening the program will be the winning choral pieces of the MacDowell Club’s YOUNG COMPOSER COMPETITION held earlier this year. Open to Wisconsin students and/or residents 25 and under, it called for a 4-6 minute work for small four-part choir. The Whitefish Bay High School’s *Bel Canto* chorus, under the direction of **Richard Kieffer**, will present the world premieres of “Gitanjali” by **Minh-Tam Trinh** (15, of Whitefish Bay); “Lullaby” by **Emily Cooley** (18, of Mequon) and “The Call of the Land” by **Chelsea Komschlies** (17, of Appleton).

This will mark the first of six free concerts presented by the MacDowell Club this season. Other venues include the Steinway Piano Gallery on North Avenue in Wauwatosa; St. Joseph Center Chapel on South Layton Boulevard; and the new Greenfield Public Library at South 53rd Street and Layton Avenue.

Musicians interested in membership may contact Marilyn Eisenberg merzy@earthlink.net or 414-332-3234 for details and application forms. Non-performing Associate Memberships are welcome at any time by sending a check for \$25 dues, made payable to the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee, c/o Treasurer Barbara Bunge, 5860 Fulham Court, Greendale, WI 53129.

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