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## MUSIC CLUB PRESENTS FREE CONCERT

**What: Public Performance**

**When: 3 p.m. Sunday, 10 January 2010**

**Where: Nancy Kendall Theater, Cardinal Stritch University**

**Milwaukee, WI** – January 10<sup>th</sup> marks the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee's first concert of the new year. Entitled *Performer's Choice*, the artists have chosen a wide selection of music, mainly by Romantic composers: Louis Spohr, Carl von Maria von Weber, Peter Tchaikovsky, Johannes Brahms, Sergei Rachmaninov and Frederick Chopin. Three more contemporary works - written by Robert Fleming, C. Higheagle and Camargo Guarnieri - complete the program.

Performing are MacDowell Club members **Mary Ellen Burrescia**, Mequon pianist; **Shanti Daya**, Brookfield pianist; **Ana de la Cuesta Gerlach**, Bay View flutist; **Dan Roberdeau**, Wauwatosa clarinetist; **Joan Rooney**, Port Washington violinist; **Sally Schwarz**, Menomonee Falls soprano; **Donna Shriner**, Shorewood mezzo-soprano; and **Sr. Marion Verhaalen**, Milwaukee pianist/composer. **Monica Verona** will also appear as guest accompanist on the program.

The concert, the MacDowell Club's third in its 100<sup>th</sup> season, will be presented in the Nancy Kendall Theater at Cardinal Stritch University on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 3 o'clock. Admission is free although donations are always welcome. For other information or directions, visit the Club's website at [www.macdowellclubmilwaukee.org](http://www.macdowellclubmilwaukee.org) or contact the concert chair, Donna Shriner, at 414-964.6315.

Three additional concerts will follow: *Organists' Choice* on February 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph Center Chapel, 1501 South Layton Boulevard, Milwaukee; *Bits of Blarney* on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the new Greenfield Public Library, 5310 West Layton Avenue, Greenfield, both at three o'clock, and the final concert in the series, *Gathering Rosebud*, will be held at 7:30 Sunday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup> back in Kendall Theater at Cardinal Stritch University.

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