MACDOWELL CLUB OF MILWAUKEE

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# Music Club Announces Auditions

**Milwaukee, WI –** The MacDowell Club of Milwaukee, celebrating 100 years of making music, will hold auditions for Performing Members on Saturday morning, January 17th, 2009, between 9:00 and 11:00 at the First Congregational Church, 1511 Church Street in Wauwatosa.. Applications, indicating one of the following categories, along with a check for $25, payable to the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee, should be mailed to the Membership Chair, Marilyn Eisenberg, 5262 North Diversey Boulevard, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217-5161, no later than December 31st. Auditionees will be notified of the time of their audition. For additional information contact Marilyn Eisenberg, Membership Chair, at merzy@earthlink.net or call 414-332-3234 or 414-771-5832.

**Pianists** must be prepared to play the first Allegro movement of a sonata of the Classical era and a contrasting composition of merit from the Romantic or Modern school. It is strongly recommended that the music be memorized.

**Organists** must be prepared to play a major Bach Prelude and Fugue and a contrasting composition of merit from the Romantic or Modern school. This material need not be memorized.

**Harpsichordists and Fortepianists** must be prepared to play two contrasting Baroque works of merit. These need not be memorized.

**Orchestral and Other Instrumentalists** must be prepared to play the first movement of a standard sonata, concerto, or work for that particular instrument, plus a contrasting composition of merit. At least one of the works must be accompanied when appropriate. Although preferred, this material need not be memorized.

**Vocalists** must be prepared to sing a major aria from an opera or oratorio and a composition of merit from a contrasting period, with an accompanist of their own choosing. It is strongly recommended that this material be memorized.

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**Accompanists** must be prepared to play a solo piano composition of merit, which need not be memorized, plus a prepared accompaniment (approved by the Auditions Chairperson) with a soloist of their own choice.

**Established Ensembles** must sing and/or play two contrasting pieces of merit. If accepted into membership, these members may only perform on a Club program in the medium used at the audition. Individuals may re-audition if they wish to appear in another category. Any personnel change will require another audition (at no additional fee).

**Conductors** must have a broad knowledge of repertoire and be versatile in vocal and/or instrumental music. Music for the audition must consist of at least two pieces from contrasting periods by composers of merit to be conducted by the candidate at a public performance, attended by the Auditions Chairperson along with both a vocal and instrumental member of the MacDowell Club.

**Composers** must submit four scores with recordings from performances of 1) vocal or choral, 2) solo instrumental, 3) instrumental ensemble, and 4) composer's choice. These should reflect a variety of mediums, style, musical effectiveness, knowledge and skillful use of voices and/or instrumentation. The composer need not be present.

The Club presents a regular series of free public programs by its Performing Members at various venues throughout the greater Milwaukee area and features its organists in concerts at selected churches in the community. In addition, members give occasional informal tea recitals in private homes exclusively for MacDowell Club members and their guests. Throughout the 2008-2009 season, and in celebration of the Club's Centennial, works of Edward A. MacDowell will be performed on every program in honor of the Club's namesake, the first American composer to gain international recognition. Each concert also features a world premiere by a composer with ties to Milwaukee.

For non-performing lovers of classical music, Associate Memberships are available at any time by sending a check in the amount of $25, payable to the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee, to the Treasurer, Barbara Bunge, 5860 Fulham Court, Greendale, WI 53129-2132.

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