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CONCERT FEATURES FOWLER FAMILY

What: Centennial Concert

When: 2:30 Sunday afternoon, 25 January 2009

Where: Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 North Yates Road, Fox Point

Milwaukee, WI – The MacDowell Club's recognition of its 100th anniversary continues with the fourth concert of its 2008-09 season at 2:30 Sunday, January 25th at Cardinal Stritch University. Held in the Joan Steele Stein Center for Communication Studies / Fine Arts at 6801 North Yates Road, this year's focus is on music by composers with ties to Milwaukee.

Opening the program will be the **Milwaukee Archdiocesan Choir** singing works by its director, **Jeffrey Honoré**; then a piece for two pianos by **Joseph Koykkar**, performed by Todd Welbourne and Kui Min (all currently residing in Madison); a trio by Hildegard Fischer (Colgate, WI) with flutist **Ana de la Cuesta** (Milwaukee), clarinetist **Gail Hodkiewicz** (Hales Corners) and the composer at the keyboard; and solos for violin and double bass written by **Roger Ruggeri**, played by violinist **Andrea Wagoner** and Ruggeri, bassist.

Each concert pays tribute to the Club's namesake, Edward MacDowell (1860-1908), the first American composer to receive international acclaim. Programmed this month are his *Sea Pieces* to be performed by pianist **Mary Ellen Verona-Burrescia** (Mequon).

After intermission, the Fowlers (Brookfield) will take the stage with compositions written for them by their son. Both are familiar to Milwaukee music-lovers having often performed together in recital and as soloists on concert and opera stages. **Paul Fowler** (now of Boulder, CO) holds degrees in voice, composition and theater from Ithaca College, and a Master of Music degree in composition from the University of Michigan. Soprano **Marjorie Fowler** will sing his *Three Meditations* on poems of Rumi, St. Francis and Ch'ang Chien with **Scott Wenzel** (Wauwatosa) on singing bowl and marimba, and tenor **Dean Fowler** will present the world premiere of his *Presences: Songs from Jelaluddin Rumi*, accompanied by pianist **Robbi Heighway-Nebel** (Waukesha).

The concert is free and open to the public, although donations are gratefully received. Ample free parking is available adjacent to the Steele Center building in Lots 5 and 8 in the middle of the University campus, easily reached via the northern-most entrance from North Yates Road or from Port Washington Road just south of Good Hope Road. For further information, call 262-512-0909 or 414-771-5832. (*Please do not call the University.*)

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