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LOCAL ORGANISTS & COMPOSERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What: Centennial Concert

When: 2:30 Sunday afternoon, 1 February 2009

Where: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Avenue

Milwaukee, WI – Continuing its season-long centennial celebration, the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee proudly presents a concert of music written by and performed by some of the most outstanding organists in the area.

S. Mary Jane Wagner (Milwaukee) will open each half of the program with compositions of **S. Marion Verhaalen** (Milwaukee) and **S. Theophane Hytrek** (1915-1992), and **David Bohn** (West Allis) will be playing his *Scattered Lines* and works by **Wallace Cheatham** and by **Sigmund Snopek III** (both residents of Milwaukee).

Suzanne Pajunen (Wauwatosa) has chosen *Largo Eroica* by long-time Club member, **Edna Frida Pietsch** (1894-1982). And, in keeping with the musical thread that is tying together all of its Centennial Concerts, will pay homage to the Club's namesake, Edward MacDowell (1860-1908) - the first American composer to gain international recognition - by performing transcriptions of several of his well-known piano pieces.

Each of these concerts also features the world premiere by a composer with ties to Milwaukee. This month, **Hildegard Fischer** (Colgate, WI) will introduce her newest work, *The Road to Emmaus*. Written for organ and treble voices, the vocalists will be soprano **Sally Lane Schwarz** (Menomonee Falls) and mezzo-soprano **Judith Pilon** (Wauwatosa) and **Donna Shriner** (Shorewood), with the composer at the console.

MacDowell Club presents a regular series of public programs by its Performing Members at various venues during the concert season. In addition, the Club holds occasional informal tea recitals in private homes exclusively for its members and their guests. For information on auditioning for Performing Membership, contact **Marilyn Eisenberg** (Whitefish Bay), Membership Chair, at merzy@earthlink.net or call 414-332-3234. Associate (non-performing) Membership is available at any time by sending a check in the amount of \$25, payable to the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee, c/o the Treasurer, **Barbara Bunge**, 5860 Fulham Court, Greendale WI 53129-2132.

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