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MAC DOWELL CLUB PUBLISHES ITS HISTORY

Milwaukee, WI – The MacDowell Club of Milwaukee will turn 100 this season and has several events planned to commemorate this milestone. Among them is the unveiling of its history at the Club’s 99th Annual Meeting and Fall Luncheon. Set for one o’clock, Sunday, September 14th, its members and guests will convene in the lobby of Cardinal Stritch University’s Kendall Theater located at 6801 North Yates Road, Fox Point, in the Joan Steele Stein Center for Communication Studies/Fine Arts. The featured speaker will be Dr. Timothy Noonan, of the UW-Milwaukee music faculty talking on the life and works of Edward A. MacDowell (1860-1908), the first American composer to receive international recognition and the Club’s namesake.

Along with the festivities will be a Publication Celebration unveiling “A Century of Music – 1909-2009” by Erin Linn Biank, with a book signing by the author. Ms. Biank holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal performance from Valparaiso University and the Masters of Music in Music History from the UW-Milwaukee. Her research interests are local to Milwaukee and include the city’s rich musical heritage as well as the life and works of the School Sisters of Saint Francis. Her thesis, *Sister Theophane’s English Mass in Honor of Mary Immaculate*, explores the life and music of Sister Theophane Hytrek, of the School Sisters of Saint Francis. She is an Adjunct Voice Faculty at Pius XI High School and a member of the all women’s ensemble, the Milwaukee Choral Artists. An active member and musician at Brookfield Lutheran Church, she is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota fraternity, and the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee. She resides in Waukesha, Wisconsin, with her husband, Daniel, and their little daughter, Abigail.

Luncheon reservations are \$25, due Friday, September 5th, by check made payable to the MacDowell Club and sent c/o Mariann Landa, 5928 West Michigan Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213-4248. To reserve a copy of the book, “A Century of Music - 1909-2009”, please enclose a separate check for \$25. (\$20 for current MacDowell Club members.) For further information, call 414-771-5832 or 414-264-8796. Please do not call Cardinal Stritch University.

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