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**Allegro Orchestra Camp Legacy continues on through
MacPhail Center for Music to offer experience unlike any other**

New structure serves as win-win for both organizations

Minneapolis/St. Paul — For 11 years, the Allegro Orchestra Camp has been a staple in the western suburbs. This unique summer camp has offered youth the orchestra experience of a lifetime—an orchestra experience like no other, the chance to share a music stand and stage with some of the Twin Cities’ top professional musicians, and the incredible opportunity to rehearse with multiple conductors and sectional coaches throughout the camp.

And now, the camp will have an even greater emphasis on education as it becomes part of MacPhail Center for Music, with a mission of transforming lives and enriching the community through music education. The Allegro Orchestral Association has invited MacPhail to administer the camp starting with the Summer 2010 session.

“The timing was right for Allegro to refocus its mission and exclusively present Allegro Con Brio professional orchestra concerts,” said William Stuber, the Allegro’s Artistic Director. Stuber will continue as the camp’s Artistic Director. “It has been an honor for us to teach and be a part of the lives of so many youth throughout the Twin Cities. Unfortunately, we couldn’t continue to try to do it all. We recognized that it was time for us to direct all of our attention into presenting Allegro Con Brio and pull in the highest quality music education center in the Twin Cities to take over our camp. We couldn’t have asked for a better organization than MacPhail to carry on our camp. They have a tremendously rich history and broad

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offerings. MacPhail currently runs over 40 camps, which clearly demonstrates their proven success.”

This being said, MacPhail doesn't currently have a camp quite like the Allegro Orchestra Camp.

“The Allegro Orchestra camp has incredible longevity and an excellent reputation,” said Paul Babcock, President and Chief Operation Officer of MacPhail Center for Music. “We are thrilled to be entrusted with carrying on Allegro Orchestra Camp's great legacy. It's an outstanding camp that meets an important need in the Twin Cities and is a perfect complement to MacPhail's engaging summer music camps.”

The name Allegro Orchestra Camp will remain, along with the camp location, format and majority of the fine staff. Allegro Con Brio will continue to serve as orchestra-in-residence.

Open to beginning, intermediate and advanced strings, winds and percussion students currently in grades 3 to 12, the 2010 camp will be held June 14-24, Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Wayzata Community Church. Students work in small groups, participate in full orchestra rehearsals, observe recitals, and perform a final concert for family and friends on June 24 and more. **Early registration discounts are available now. Call MacPhail at 612-321-0100 today to reserve your spot.**

The Allegro Orchestra Camp will continue to feature a professional orchestra-in-residence for all participants to have the opportunity to learn from the best. The advanced camp students will play right alongside them, not just at a rehearsal, but in public as part of the final concert. Literally playing the same music as their professional counterparts, the students have the chance to fulfill their dream of sharing the stage.

“The advanced camp students are very talented kids,” Stuber said. “Most will continue to study music at the college level. A side-by-side experience can give them the confidence and inspiration to become a professional orchestra musician.”

In its eighth year, Allegro Con Brio brings together professional orchestra musicians, soloists and artists from such prestigious organizations as the Minnesota Orchestra, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Opera and VocalEssence. Many of these musicians, along with top teachers from the Twin

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Cities' colleges and teaching schools like MacPhail will serve as coaches and master class presenters at the camp.

“The camp will continue to provide role models for students,” said Stuber. “We believe the role of the professional coaches and instructors is to serve as teachers, mentors and advocates. That theme is carried throughout the program. The beginning students model the top camp students who model the professionals...everyone in the continuum has someone they can look up to.”

Allegro recognized a need to offer this unique camp to the community so many years ago and over a thousand campers have benefited from the experience. Now, MacPhail will continue on the tradition of presenting this amazing orchestra camp, and Stuber will continue the reputation of artistic excellence by involving the top musicians to teach the campers.

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About Allegro

Allegro is dedicated to awakening lives through orchestra music leading everyone to growth and renewal. Allegro has served thousands of musicians and audience members of all ages and backgrounds in the western suburbs and the entire Twin Cities region since 1995. Allegro features Allegro Con Brio - the only orchestra in town to perform all periods of music in a historically informed manner. In each of its concerts and workshops, Allegro places a great emphasis on the important role and meaning that music can play in people's lives. William Stuber is the organization's Artistic Director and Conductor.

About MacPhail

MacPhail Center for Music is the highest-quality music education program in the region, offering instruction in 35 different instruments and 15 musical styles, including rock, jazz and classical for students 6 weeks old – 100+years. MacPhail's 170 teaching artists are not only exceptional teachers, but are also active performers locally and nationally. For more than 100 years, MacPhail has been transforming lives and enriching the community through music education, in the greater Twin Cities area and beyond.