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## **MUSIC CLUB ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION AWARDEES**

**Milwaukee, WI** – It is no surprise that the Korean-born soprano **Hein Jung**, 30, won the \$1000 First Place in the 2007 Scholarship Competition held on April 21<sup>st</sup> by the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee at Cardinal Stritch University. With numerous national awards and considerable critical acclaim already to her credit, Ms. Jung's most recent accomplishment was being named a semi-finalist in Spain's Gayarre International Competition.

A resident of **Brookfield**, she holds a Master's Degree from UW-Madison where she is now working towards her Doctor of Musical Arts as a Collins Fellow. She teaches voice at Beloit College and is currently preparing for the Montreal International Competition this in May.

Pianist **April Scharfenberg**, 25, took the \$750 Second Place award performing works by Bach, Beethoven and Brahms. She studied for several years with her mother, Sylvia Nelson, later becoming a student of James Norden. During the 1990s, she was the recipient of many awards from the Wisconsin Music Teachers' Association and, in 2005, received an Honorable Mention in the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee's Biennial Scholarship Competition. Ms. Scharfenberg maintains a private piano studio in Wauwatosa and frequently performs as a piano soloist.

Soprano **Kristin Dawn Schwecke**, 21, received the \$500 Third Place award. She is a recent graduate of Carroll College with a Bachelor's degree in music performance and is continuing her voice lessons with Sally Lane Schwarz. Ms. Schwecke was often featured as soloist with Carroll's Concert Choir and Vocal Collective.

A longtime resident of **New Berlin**, she now resides in **North Prairie**, sings with many local groups, including the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, and has won awards from the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

As part of their awards, all three artists receive one-year Performing Memberships MacDowell Club of Milwaukee and, as members, they will also be presented in a free public recital at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007, in the Schroeder Auditorium at Cardinal Stritch University, 6801 North Yates Road in Fox Point.

Honorable Mentions of \$125 went to violinist **Shannon Rae O'Leary**, 20, of **Menomonee Falls**, a violin student of Caroline Jones and currently a Junior (via the internet) at Thomas Edison State College in New Jersey; and French hornist **John Shawger**, 17, of **Glendale**, a Junior at Marquette University High School, who studies horn with William Barnewitz as well as piano with Stephanie Jacob.

This year's judges were soprano Enid Bootzin, pianist Milton Peckarsky, violinist Joan Rooney, and Dennis King, Chair of the Music Department at Cardinal Stritch University.

Founded in 1909, the MacDowell Club of Milwaukee organized its first Scholarship Competition in 1985.

The biennial competition is open to residents and students enrolled in educational institutions within a 100-mile radius of the Greater Milwaukee area. To be eligible, instrumentalists must be between the ages of 17 to 30 and vocalists from 20 to 33. For additional information or an application for Club membership, call 414-771-5832.

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