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**MACPHAIL AUSTIN PRESENTS PIANO FESTIVAL WITH DISTINGUISHED MINNESOTA FACULTY
FEATURING MASTERCLASSES AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY**

MINNEAPOLIS – September 20, 2022- MacPhail Center for Music - Austin announces the first iteration of weekend activities for the inaugural Austin Piano Festival. Featuring former MacPhail teacher and accomplished composer Victoria El-Sabo, the festival will take place over three days the first weekend of October 7-9. Coined “Composer of the Year” by the Washington State Music Teacher’s Association, Victoria is joined by principal cellist of the Bellingham Symphony Orchestra in Washington, instructor, and music therapist Samantha Sinai. The duo will present a weekend of masterclasses and workshops for students and teachers alike at [MacPhail’s state of the art music education center in Austin](#), finishing with a performance premiering “Fanfare for an Uncommon Piano” by El Sabo on the “Big Faz”, Fazioli 308 Concert Grand Piano at Austin High School’s Knowlton Auditorium. Austin’s children’s Chorus will also join in on the performance on Sunday the 9th at 2:00 p.m.

The festival will continue in Spring with a performance by MacPhail’s Electronic Music Recording Arts Director Michael Cain in April of 2023.

MacPhail Center for Music is the nation’s largest center for music learning and performance and one of Minnesota’s top ten arts organizations. Since 1907, MacPhail Center for Music has been providing meaningful opportunities for people and is committed to transforming lives and strengthening communities through music learning experiences that inspire. Each year, MacPhail offers programming to 15,000 students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities, at locations in Minneapolis, White Bear Lake,

Chanhassen, Apple Valley, Austin, and Madeline Island, WI., as well as 103 community partnerships across the Twin Cities. An industry leader in online music education, MacPhail's Live Online and Online School Partnerships programs have reached students for the past ten years. MacPhail has a 115-year history of excellence, promoting life-long learning and building long-term relationships between students and teachers. For more information, visit macphail.org.

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