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GLOBAL MUSIC INITIATIVE: ARTIST IN RESIDENCE APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

MINNEAPOLIS- August 16, 2022 – For the third consecutive year, MacPhail Center for Music’s Global Music Initiative (GMI) will offer multiple year-long residencies to foster cultural change in our communities through passion creativity and music. The GMI believes that supporting and investing in diverse voices elevates the current standards of music education pedagogy. This program is a commitment to cultivating inclusivity within both music education and MacPhail Center for Music by creating a platform for diverse voices to share their creative stories, challenge ideas and foster community-centered growth.

The 2021-2022 residencies were awarded to outstanding Minnesota musicians: Krysta “K.Raydio” Rayford, Greg Byers, Rebecca Merblum, Kenichi “DJ Just Nine” Thomas, SooJin Lee, Aida Shahghasemi, Arthur “L.A.” Buckner, Nyttu Chongo, and Ernest Bisong. Their wealth of projects included: *A Video Game Orchestra*, *Gugak in Your School*, *Breaking Circles: Reclassifying “World” Music*, *Echoes of Africa: An Experience with Iconic and Disappearing African Instruments*, and *L.A.’s MacPhail Jam* among others.

NEW THIS YEAR! This year’s residencies offer two tracks, one for performing artists and one for teaching artists. Both tracks are accepting applications and are welcome to contributions of all styles and traditions.

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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