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**Paul Babcock Receives the National Guild's Duffie Adelson Award for Lifelong Achievement in Community Arts Education**

Minneapolis, MN – April 12, 2024- Paul Babcock, President and Chief Operating Officer of MacPhail Center for Music, has been honored with the Nation Guild for Community Arts Education Duffie Adelson Award for Lifelong Achievement. This illustrious award recognizes individuals who have dedicated at least 20 years to the field and made significant and lasting contributions to community arts education.

Paul Babcock has served with distinction at MacPhail for over 33 years, leading the organization through numerous advancements. His efforts have seen the establishment of new program areas, the opening of new sites, and a steadfast commitment to providing high-quality music education for students of all backgrounds.

In addition to his administrative role, Paul remains actively engaged in the artistic community as a percussion teacher and performer. His passion for music education is

evident in his work, from strategic planning initiatives to overseeing the construction of MacPhail's downtown Minneapolis building in 2008.

Paul Babcock holds a Master of Music degree in Percussion Performance from the University of Minnesota and a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Business Administration from Monmouth College (Illinois).

"We are delighted to honor Paul Babcock for his exceptional contributions to community arts education," said Kyle Carpenter, MacPhail's CEO. His dedication and leadership have left a lasting impact on the field, embodying the spirit of this award."

The Duffie Adelson Award for Lifelong Achievement in Community Arts Education celebrates Paul Babcock's enduring commitment to music education and his profound influence on the community.

For more information about the Duffie Adelson Award for Lifelong Achievement in Community Arts Education, please visit <https://nationalguild.org/news/guild-news/national-guild-for-community-arts-education-an-3>.

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