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**MacPhail Celebrates the Life and Music of Minnesota Music Legend Peter Ostroushko**

**A Tribute Concert with Mandolin and Guitar Featuring Richard Kriehn and Dean Magraw**

**Minneapolis – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - Carnegie Hall, MacPhail Center for Music, and the mandolin all have one thing in common: legendary mandolinist, Emmy award winner, composer, and international musician, Peter Ostroushko. MacPhail Center for Music will celebrate Peter's life and music with a free tribute concert on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The concert will be held at the Minneapolis location in the heart of downtown in Antonello Hall. The event is open to the public. All are welcome.

Peter Ostroushko spent more than 40 years as a frequent performer on *A Prairie Home Companion* and has performed with the Kremlin Chamber Orchestra, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, and was featured on Austin City Limits, Late Night with David Letterman, and even Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. He was a beloved, long-time faculty member at MacPhail. Peter succumbed to heart failure in 2021 and Minnesota's music community now welcomes the opportunity to pay tribute to this beloved talent.

Multi-instrumentalist Richard Kriehn is now carrying the torch of his beloved mentor and colleague as faculty at MacPhail Center for Music teaching mandolin, guitar, and fiddle. It was Peter's wish that Richard continues sharing the mandolin, giving way to MacPhail's new mandolin/fiddle program, started in Peter's honor. Several of his mandolins are being donated (at Peter's request) to MacPhail to continue his legacy. The instruments will be used by faculty and students wishing to study mandolin. They will be displayed at the concert.

The concert will feature well-known Peter Ostroushko songs performed by Kriehn and long-time Ostroushko collaborator, Dean Magraw. Tributes will be given by former students, colleagues, and family.

For photo and interview opportunities, please contact MacPhail's Marketing Department Coordinator Mikalia Bradberry at [bradberry.mikalia@macphail.org](mailto:bradberry.mikalia@macphail.org)

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