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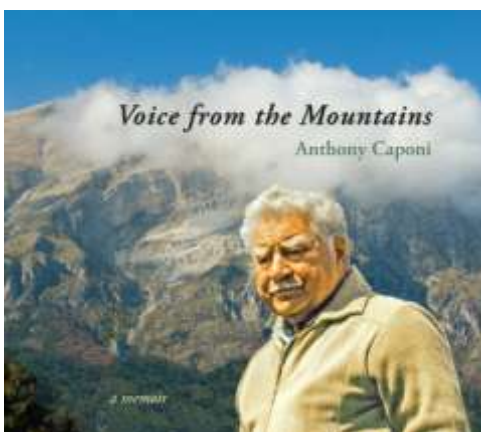
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CAPONI ART PARK FOUNDER PUBLISHES MEMOIR

*Book by Eagan's Anthony Caponi Recalls Childhood in Italy and
World War II Experiences as an American Soldier*

Eagan, MN – April 26, 2010– Anthony Caponi, founder and Artistic Director of Caponi Art Park in Eagan, has republished his memoir entitled ‘Voice from the Mountains’. Out-of-print for several years, the book begins by transporting readers back 90 years to a boyhood in Pretare, Italy, a small, remote village in the Apennine Mountains. “A place lost in time,” life in Pretare was bound by medieval traditions, the power of religion and Mussolini’s emerging fascist ideals. Caponi recounts how, at the age of 15, he emigrated to the United States and began a new life in the vastly different world of Akron, Ohio. With the outbreak of World War II, he found his new American identity at odds with his devotion to his homeland—a condition that intensified when he returned to Italy as an American soldier and an enemy of relatives and friends. ‘Voice from the Mountains’ combines history, family values and philosophy into a message that is important for our time.



Caponi, 89, is a sculptor, environmentalist, community leader, teacher, philosopher and poet. He is Professor Emeritus of Macalester College where he taught art and chaired the art department for more than 40 years. These skills coalesced when he founded Caponi Art Park and Learning Center in 1992, a non-profit labor of love that now includes a 60-acre outdoor sculpture garden and performance venue in Eagan open to the public May through October.

‘Voice from the Mountains’ is published locally by Nodin Press www.nodinpress.com and will be available for purchase at www.voicefromthemountains.com, Caponi Art Park and local book stores.

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About Caponi Art Park and Learning Center

Located on 60-acres of rolling wooded hills in Egan, Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a distinctive community space offering cultural and educational experiences in an inviting, natural setting that seamlessly blends art and nature. Caponi Art Park, a non-profit organization, is open to the public May through October, every day except Monday at 9:00 a.m. and is located at 1220 Diffley Road in Egan east of Interstate 35E, between Pilot Knob Road and Lexington Avenue. For more information about Caponi Art Park, visit www.caponiartpark.org.

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To schedule an interview with Anthony Caponi, or to receive more information about 'Voice from the Mountains', contact Heather Westerlund at 651.454.9412 or heather@caponiartpark.org