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Governor Declares May 7 as Caponi Art Park and Learning Center Day Eagan Nonprofit has Welcomed the Public for Over 20 Years

(Eagan, Minn., April 22, 2011) – Governor Mark Dayton has signed an official proclamation making Saturday, May 7, 2011 Caponi Art Park and Learning Center Day in Minnesota. The public is invited to celebrate this honor and the 90th birthday of park founder, Anthony Caponi, at the park’s annual Open House from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 7. The park is located at 1220 Diffley Road.

“Caponi Art Park is the culmination of my life’s work,” said Anthony Caponi. “We’re pleased with the positive response we’ve received from the public and very appreciative of this recognition from the State of Minnesota. We look forward to serving the community for many years to come.”

The language of the proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS: Caponi Art Park and Learning Center, located in Eagan, Minnesota, is a nonprofit center for the arts and a place where visual and performing arts are presented and fostered in a natural setting; and

WHEREAS: Caponi Art Park and Learning Center was founded by former Macalester College Art Department head Mr. Anthony Caponi, an Italian sculptor, educator, poet, author, philosopher, innovator and engineer who has lived in Minnesota for over 55 years and made significant contributions to Minnesota’s vibrant art community; and

WHEREAS: On May 7, 2011, the day of founder Mr. Caponi’s 90th birthday, Caponi Art Park and Learning Center will celebrate the achievements of the Art Park, its founder, and create public awareness of the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
May 7, 2011 as:

CAPONI ART PARK AND LEARNING CENTER DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

ABOUT CAPONI ART PARK AND LEARNING CENTER

Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a nonprofit organization located on 60 acres of rolling wooded hills in Eagan that includes a 20 acre sculpture garden, Theater in the Woods outdoor amphitheater and miles of walking paths. Caponi Art Park and Learning Center makes art accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds by providing a cultural and educational center where people come together with art and nature to restore, nurture and maintain the basic unity of the human spirit. The park is open free to the public Tuesday through Sunday from May through October. Donations are graciously accepted to help maintain the park and make quality programs possible. www.caponiartpark.org

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