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## **Theater in the Woods Celebrates 10 Years**

*Caponi Art Park's 2010 season will showcase high-caliber performances and special activities*

Eagan, MN – May 24, 2010– This summer marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of outdoor concerts in Caponi Art Park's Theater in the Woods. Nestled in the park's hilly landscape and made intimate by a canopy of trees, Theater in the Woods provides a unique setting for theatrical, musical and literary performances. The theater is a large outdoor amphitheater that boasts a large brick open-air stage, near perfect acoustics, plentiful grassy and ledge seating, and the feeling of the North Woods right in the middle of Eagan.

Work on the Theater in the Woods began in 1998 after the "Storm of the Century" hit the area, blowing down hundreds of trees in the future amphitheater site. It took an entire season to remove the damaged trees and two more seasons to shape the grounds and build the stage. The Theater in the Woods was built with a minimal budget, a bobcat and by hand, one block at a time. In spite of all the work that went into creating the amphitheater, it still looks untouched as though it always has been this way.



Special family-friendly activities are scheduled throughout the summer season to celebrate and mark this milestone and Ring Mountain Creamery will be selling ice cream at each event. The *Summer Performance Series* brings some of the most talented regional and local artists to perform at Caponi Art Park. **All concerts begin at 6:30pm in**

**the Theater in the Woods and a \$4 per person donation is suggested.**

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## 2010 Summer Performance Series Schedule:

- June 13 Minnesota Sinfonia presents the Summer Family Pops Concert
- June 25 Shakespeare Festival: "Troilus and Cressida" staged by Cromulent Shakespeare Co.
- June 26 Shakespeare Festival: "Hamlet" staged by Minnesota Shakespeare Company
- July 11 Dakota Valley Summer Pops Orchestra and Chorale presents "A Patriotic Festival"
- July 25 Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir
- Aug 8 CAAM Chinese Dance Theater presents "The Sound of Drums from the Land of China"
- Aug 22 Cyril Paul and Calypso Monarchs presents music from the Caribbean and West Indies

*Program descriptions and a complete schedule of events are available at [www.caponiartpark.org](http://www.caponiartpark.org).*



*Patrons are encouraged to bring a food donation for Eagan's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Food Drive to any of Caponi Art Park's 2010 season events. Food collected will be donated to the Eagan Resource Center to serve those in need.*

### About Caponi Art Park and Learning Center

Located on 60-acres of rolling wooded hills in Eagan, Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a distinctive cultural center offering 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 east of Interstate 35E, between Pilot Knob Road and Lexington Avenue.

For more information about Caponi Art Park or the *Summer Performance Series*, visit [www.caponiartpark.org](http://www.caponiartpark.org) or contact our office at 651.454.9412.

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