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**MACPHAIL SPOTLIGHT SERIES PRESENTS 1,000 YEARS OF SACRED SONGS**

**MINNEAPOLIS – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022** - MacPhail Center for Music takes their audience on a journey in time with the next iteration of the Spotlight Series: 1,000 years of Sacred Songs. A collaboration between MacPhail Center for Music and the Basilica of St. Mary, this performance will feature the Basilica's choir and director Teri Larson. The program showcases an arc of a thousand years from the earliest installments of the Gregorian Chant to contemporary repertoire, also exemplifying the evolution of harmony, melody, rhythm, and counterpoint. With the works of Hildegard von Bingen, Alice Parker, and Jocelyn Hagen, 1,000 years of Sacred Songs uphold the women composers and their works, that against all odds, firmly made their mark on the music world in an otherwise male-dominated field.

Conductor and Basilica Choir Director Teri Larson comments, "I didn't know of Hildegard von Bingen's existence until I got my Master's Degree in Choral Conducting in 1993. I was astounded to have not heard of this amazing woman! .... I'm delighted to help present some of these gems in this program."

The program will be performed by MacPhail teaching artists Andrea Leap, Miryana Moteva and special guest artist Ivory Doublette, another trio of women leaving their mark on the Minnesota music community and the world.

1,000 Years of Sacred Songs will premiere in the heart of downtown at the Basilica of Saint Mary, Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase at [macphail.org](http://macphail.org)

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