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**Madison Arts & Culture Alliance to sponsor
Madison Holiday Arts Festival
Friday, November 28, 2008**

Madison, NJ -- The Madison Arts and Cultural Alliance (MACA) has announced the third annual Holiday Arts Festival to be held on Friday, November 28, 2008 from noon to 9:30 pm.

The festival provides mostly free performances throughout the afternoon and evening in various Madison venues, such as Atlanta Bread Company, On A Roll, Grace Episcopal Church, St. Vincent's Church, the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts, Provident Bank and Shanghai Jazz.

The performers include Dugan's Hooligans, a Celtic-Eclectic ensemble featuring two young talented musicians, classical pianist Paul Zeigler, members of the Baroque Orchestra of North Jersey, organist Anne Matlack, classical guitarist Darren O'Neill, jazz pianist Jerry Vezza, flutist Susan Glaser, harpist Merynda Adams and many others.

The highlight of the day will be the traditional Santa Parade starting at 5:30, always a favorite and a popular Madison tradition. Following the parade, the festivities will continue with performances by the Harmonium Choral Society carolers beginning at 6:30 pm in the Atlanta Bread Company and Zephyrs Winds and Simply Brass in concert

at Grace Episcopal Church at 7:30 pm. At Playwrights Theater, 12 Miles West presents a radio play, “Merry Christmas George Bailey” starting at 8:00 pm with tickets priced at \$23.

Everyone is invited to shop and dine, enjoy the free family concerts, watch the annual Thanksgiving parade, and participate in the tree-lighting ceremony in beautiful historic downtown Madison on what is traditionally the start of the holiday shopping season.

The Madison Arts & Culture Alliance is a coalition of arts organizations, cultural institutions, historical societies, colleagues and friends, dedicated to encouraging collaborations among the wide ranging cultural offerings in Madison.

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Madison Holiday Arts Festival Schedule of Events

Atlanta Bread Company:

“Bach’s Lunch” featuring musicians from the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey,
12 noon-1:30 pm
Harmonium Choral Society Carolers, 6:30-7:00 pm

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“A Child’s Christmas in Wales” a reading by Jabez VanCleeef, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Four Old Parts Barbershop Quartet, 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Museum of Early Trades & Crafts:

Merynda Adams, harp, 1:45-2:15 pm and 2:30-3:00 pm
Dugan’s Hooligans, 3:30-4:00 pm & 4:15-4:45 pm

The Provident Bank:

Susan Glaser & Students Flute Duets; 4:30-5:30 pm

On A Roll:

Darren O’Neill, Classical Guitar, 2:30-3:00 pm & 3:15-3:45 pm

Grace Episcopal Church:

Paul Zeigler, piano, 3:00-3:30 pm

Anne Matlack, organ, 3:30-4:00 pm

Sopranos of Grace, 4:00-4:45 pm

Eric Stroud, organ, 4:45-5:15 pm

Zephyrs Winds and Simply Brass, 7:30-9:00 pm

St. Vincent Martyr R. C. Church:

Madison High School Jazz Band, 4:45-5:15 pm

Shanghai Jazz:

Jerry Vezza, jazz pianist, Happy Hour 5:00 -6:00 pm

Playwrights Theatre:

12 Miles West: *Merry Christmas George Bailey*, 8 pm (\$23)