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## KMFA 89.5 WELCOMES TWO NEW VOICES TO ITS AIRWAVES

Austin, Texas—May 15, 2017—KMFA 89.5, Austin’s listener-supported classical music station, announced today that Nathan Langfitt and Carla McElhaney have joined the station as on-air hosts of *Sunday Matinee* and *Night Music*, respectively.

Nathan Langfitt comes to KMFA with a background as a radio announcer, musician, and arts educator. He loves exploring a diverse array of classical music repertoire and sharing it with others. Nathan began listening to classical radio while growing up in Dallas, and ended up working as a classical music announcer for WRKF 89.3 FM in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He also ran the education department for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, developing the organization’s new media initiatives and series of educational podcasts. He has interviewed Edo de Waart, Yo-Yo Ma, Jeremy Denk, and Marvin Hamlisch among others. Locally, Nathan is active as a percussionist and music director, as well as serving as a lecturer in the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas at Austin. Nathan will be on air every Sunday from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

“Nathan’s work with the performing arts, both in education and as a musician, his experience in classical broadcasting, and his friendly, genuine style make him the perfect fit for *Sunday Matinee*,” says Anthony McSpadden, Director of Broadcasting and Content at KMFA.

Carla McElhaney brings to KMFA her experience as the pianist, co-founder, and artistic director of Austin’s innovative chamber music and arts collective, REVEL. Her playing has been recognized by the Austin Critics’ Table with nominations for performance awards in the “Best Instrumentalist” and “Best Chamber Music Performance” categories, praised by the *Austin-American Statesman* as exhibiting “infectious enthusiasm,” and commended by the *Austin Chronicle* as delivering “an exciting mix of focus and passion.” Carla is energized by creative partnerships, as evidenced by her active performing schedule and ongoing musical collaborations with many of Austin’s favorite musicians.

“One of the first things I noticed about Carla at a Revel performance was her warmth and her ability to really connect with an audience during live performances,” says McSpadden. “She has a wonderful presence at the mic on stage, and she has the ability to transfer that skill to the studio. Her sense of style as well as her musicality put her squarely in the mold of what we think it takes to host our popular *Night Music* program.”

Carla will host a newly expanded version of *Night Music*, which can be heard daily from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. *Reverie*, which previously aired daily from midnight – 2 a.m., has ceased production.

Carmel O'Donovan, who until April 2017 served as the host of *Night Music* and *Sunday Matinee*, has moved on to new pursuits.

#### **About KMFA:**

KMFA 89.5 is the all-classical public radio station of Central Texas founded in 1967. The non-profit and listener supported radio station believes classical music inspires and restores the human spirit. KMFA serves approximately 100,000 listeners each week and features both locally produced shows as well as nationally distributed programming. KMFA encourages arts education, supports the Central Texas community, and strives to enhance the region's cultural environment.