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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

***Columbus Philharmonic to Raffle a 2017 Corvette for second fundraiser***

**April 4, 2017 (Columbus, Ind.)** –The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and Chevrolet of Columbus are collaborating to organize a second Corvette Raffle fundraiser featuring a 2017 Chevrolet Stingray Corvette grand prize! The fundraiser begins April 1, 2017 and will conclude on July 29, 2017 when the winning ticket is drawn or when the organization sells the maximum 999 tickets – whichever event occurs first.

The winner of the Philharmonic's Corvette Raffle will be awarded a 2017 Base Model Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Coupe, valued at over \$55,000, with automatic transmission, including standard features designed by Chevrolet. The winner will have an option to order a custom vehicle through the dealer with upgrade options, like performance packages, accessories or premium colors. This sleek, brilliantly engineered driving machine features the world's fastest-acting suspension, a 6.2L V8 engine, and an aluminum space frame, among other features.

Tickets to enter the July drawing are \$150 per entry and are not tax-deductible. The Philharmonic will pay the required state and federal taxes on the vehicle prior to the winner taking delivery of the prize. The Philharmonic will only sell 999 tickets, greatly increasing each ticketholder's chances to win.

Due to the campaign's national reach, the winner does not need to be present at the drawing to win but must be 18 years old to enter.

To purchase a ticket, entrants must submit an entry form to the Philharmonic along with payment. Entrants can submit an entry form in 3 ways: (1) Mail to or drop off at 315 Franklin Street Columbus, IN 47201; (2) Fax the completed form to 812-669-2336; or (3) Call us at 812-376-2638 x1 with required entrant information. Due to Indiana Charitable Gaming Commission Regulations, raffle tickets cannot be purchased online or with a credit card. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check payable to Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, or debit card.

For local supporters, tickets will be available for purchase at the Philharmonic office at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus and at the Chevrolet of Columbus dealership.

After payment is processed and approved, each entrant will receive an email confirmation receipt containing his/her raffle ticket number(s). The purchase deadline is July 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EST; the drawing will take place at the Chevrolet of Columbus dealership at 2825 Merchant Mile on Columbus' west side on Saturday, July 29, 2017.

The 2016 Corvette Raffle prize vehicle was awarded on December 10, 2016 to Tom and Sandy Benson of Columbus, Indiana. The couple attended the drawing ceremony with approximately 30 other entrants. The Benson's have been members of the Columbus Corvette Club since 1997 and owned three Corvettes before adding the prize vehicle to their collection, which was upgraded to a red Z06 model.

All proceeds netted from the fundraiser will be used to support the Philharmonic's youth music education programming, provide student scholarship funding and continue to enhance concert season events.

For more information, visit the Corvette Raffle tab at [www.thecip.org](http://www.thecip.org) or contact Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Marketing Director Katelyn Ice at [katelyni@thecip.org](mailto:katelyni@thecip.org).

## **ABOUT CHEVROLET OF COLUMBUS**

Chevrolet of Columbus has been helping customers achieve their transportation needs and desires for years with an excellent selection of new and used cars. The brand was founded in Detroit, in November 1911, by racer Louis Chevrolet and General Motors founder William C. "Billy" Durant, who developed cars that quickly earned reputations for performance, durability and value. Those traits remain at the core of Chevrolet, the world's fourth-largest automotive brand. The local dealership is located at 2825 Merchant Mile in Columbus, Indiana.

## **ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC**

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. The Philharmonic Orchestra and David Bowden have received local, state, national and international recognition, winning five ASCAP awards and consistently receiving rave reviews for their performances. With a full complement of concerts, cabarets and music education programs, the Philharmonic is proud to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and surrounding communities.

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