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### ***Philharmonic Announces 2016 Summer Cabaret Series***

**April 22, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.)** – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic welcomes a dynamic range of captivating performers in a uniquely intimate and sophisticated setting for its 2016 Summer *Cabaret at The Commons* series. The Philharmonic released the names of the highly anticipated three Cabaret acts to an eager crowd on May 5 during the organization's final Spring Cabaret event. The following artists, each with a rehearsed show theme, will perform in the series: sassy and alluring singer/actress **Rumer Willis, Thursday July 21**; acoustic duo known for their roles in the hit musical **Rent Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp, Thursday August 25**; and Broadway leading man **Aaron Lazar, Thursday September 29**.

First Class Catering will continue to offer a full dinner option in addition to a lighter hors d'oeuvres menu. Meal reservations are \$15 per person and must be made in advance by calling the Philharmonic office at 812-376-2638, x1. Patrons can choose from one of provided entrée choices, including a vegetarian option. Meals include a mixed green salad and dessert.

Ticket prices are categorized into three affordable options: V.I.P. (\$55), Preferred (\$35) and General Admission (\$20). Table reservations are available in the V.I.P. and Preferred sections. Those planning to attend multiple shows are encouraged to purchase a package; purchase all three shows, get 15% off, purchase two, get 10% off. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.theCIP.org](http://www.theCIP.org) or by calling the box office at 812-376-2638, x1.



#### **July 21: Rumer Willis**

With a splash of sass and her hypnotizing signature raspy voice, actress/singer Rumer Willis' sultry vocals and chanteuse aura melds her youthful energy with her charming interpretations of hits by Liza Minnelli, Billie Holiday, Fiona Apple, Amy Winehouse, and others. The eldest daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore dabbled in films growing up (*Striptease*, *The House Bunny*), but made a name for herself when she won *Dancing with the Stars* in 2015 and played Roxie Hart in *Chicago* on Broadway last fall.

The *New York Daily News* said, "She showed off a smoky and soulful voice that sometimes brought to mind Adele and Billie Holiday — and also effused a refreshing self-deprecating self-awareness about celebrity," in a [2015 review](#) of her cabaret performance at Feinstein's/54 Below.



#### **August 25: Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp**

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the iconic Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning musical *Rent* with the two actors who created the roles of Roger and Mark - Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp in their cabaret show *Adam & Anthony LIVE*. After 5,124 Broadway performances in 12 years, the duo have both reprised their roles in the *Rent* national tour and the 2005 film version. See them perform an acoustic concert featuring fresh interpretations of Sondheim songs and other familiar Broadway music, along with a mix of pop and original songs.

In a show [review](#) released by *The New York Times*, Pascal's vocals were described as "flashy" and Rapp's "steady singing" was apparent in his renditions of Radiohead's "Creep" and R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion."



#### **September 29: Aaron Lazar**

Actor/singer Aaron Lazar has a growing body of work unparalleled for a young leading man who has led casts on Broadway in *The Light In The Piazza*, *A Little Night Musical*, *Les Miserables*, *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Mamma Mia!* among others. On the big screen, you've seen him alongside Tina Fey in *This Is Where I Leave You* (2014) and with Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf on Wall Street* (2013). Experience Lazar's tender vocals and exquisite song interpretation in his cabaret show, *Look For Me in the Songs*, featuring power ballads and love songs from Great American Songbook to Motown and everything from Sondheim to Billy Joel.

One [reviewer](#) called Lazar's performance "propulsive and fluid" complete with "humorous ditties, personal anecdotes, and Broadway classics."

*Cabaret at The Commons* is Columbus' premier nightlife destination, featuring artists from coast to coast in an up close and personal musical experience. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.; Cabaret-goers are encouraged to arrive early to socialize with friends and enjoy cocktails

and lite appetizers. Ticket holders who have reserved dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. A full cash bar will be provided by Joe Willy's, including an option to purchase a bottle of table wine.

Complete series or single show sponsorships are available for corporate and/or individuals. For more information, call Executive Director Margaret Powers at 812-376-2638, x2 or email at margaretp@thecip.org.

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## **ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC**

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is proud to partner with The Cabaret at the Columbia Club to further its mission to advocate a life-long interest and involvement in music. The Cabaret at the Columbia Club is the only arts organization in Indianapolis dedicated to the art of professional cabaret performance, thus a valuable resource in recruiting world-traveled, top-notch performers to the Cabaret at The Commons stage. With a full complement of concerts and music education programs, the Philharmonic is honored to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and surrounding communities.

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season in 2016. 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.

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