

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Two Christmas Concerts Bring Together Children's Choirs, Orchestra, Tayler Seymour, Alumni

Nov. 30, 2015 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic orchestra will continue its revered tradition of collaborating with the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir for the holiday concert titled *Christmas!* in two performances on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Judson S. Erne Auditorium in Columbus North High School.

Accompanied by the Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Music Director Dr. David Bowden, the Descant and Preparatory Choirs and the Franklin Choir will join the Concert Choir led by Artistic Director Ruth Dwyer and Assistant Director Camilla Gehring for the matinee performance. The evening concert will feature the Concert Choir with an organized encore featuring Columbus-area CICC alumni. Tayler Seymour, recipient of the 2015 Anna Newell Brown Scholarship for Vocal Excellence, will sing at both concerts.

Who: Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra & CICC

What: Christmas!

Where: Columbus North High School, Erne Auditorium

1400 25th Street

Columbus, IN 47201

When: Sunday, December 13, 2015

Matinee concert start time 3:00 p.m.

Lobby Doors open at 2:00 p.m.

Evening concert start time 7:00 p.m.

Lobby Doors open at 6:00 p.m.



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The program includes favorites such as *Santa Baby*, Franz Schubert's *Ave Maria*, and a joyous audience sing-along featuring songs like *Frosty the Snowman* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*.

The [Columbus Indiana Children's Choir](#) is an auditioned group of approximately 160 fourth through eighth graders from Central Indiana communities. The program has two choirs: the **Concert Choir** for advanced singers and the **Descant Choir** for beginning members. For first, second and third-graders, the new, non-auditioned **Preparatory Choir** introduces children to choral singing in a fun, interactive environment designed around the Kodály method, a folk-song based multi-cultural approach to music education. This 12-week music education program is divided into two levels: Level 1 for new Preparatory Choir students in 1st and 2nd grades directed by Camilla Gehring and Level 2 for returning students in 3rd grade led by Ruth Dwyer and Nicholas Kohne.

These programs are a cooperative effort between the [Columbus Indiana Philharmonic](#) and the [Indianapolis Children's Choir](#), a partnership celebrating 20 years in 2016.

Both *Christmas!* performances will feature Tayler Seymour, Columbus North High School graduate and recipient of the 2015 Anna Newell Brown Scholarship for Vocal Excellence. Tayler is currently studying theatrical studies at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. A CICC Concert Choir alumna, Tayler also sang in various ensembles directed by Janie Gordon, the North Stars Women's Show Choir, Debuteens and Music Men Mixed Show Choir, and 25th Street Singers Advanced Vocal Jazz.

Concert tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased by calling the Philharmonic office, 812-376-2638 ext. 1 or online at www.theCIP.org/tickets. For more information, please visit the Concerts & Events tab at www.theCIP.org or click [here](#).

ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic thrives on a partnership with the best musicians from Columbus and the surrounding region and talented students from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. 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 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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