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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Columbus Philharmonic Organizes Columbus' First Bourbonfest Tasting Event

January 11, 2017 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic presents the inaugural Columbus *Bourbonfest* on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 3:00 to 6:00pm with VIP entry beginning at 2:00pm at The Commons in the Columbus Arts District. Sponsored by NTN Driveshaft and QMIX, bourbon is the event's featured beverage served by the top bourbon distributors in the country – Republic National Distributing Company and Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits – featuring Jim Beam, Heaven Hill, Evan Williams, Four Roses, Brown-Forman, and other distilleries.

WHAT: Bourbonfest

WHEN: Saturday, February 18, 2017

TIME: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

VIP Entry Begins at 2:00 p.m.

General Admission Entry Begins at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Commons, 300 Washington Street, Columbus Arts District

Whether you like yours on the rocks, neat, with a splash or shaken and strained, this fundraiser will salute and showcase the bourbon-making process and the storied history of the industry. Bourbon distilleries and local establishments will display their goods and serve drink and food samples. Party with us at The Garage Pub & Grill for an after-party featuring signature bourbon cocktail created by the distilleries present at the event.

Event Tickets

\$50, VIP: Includes General Admission perks, plus early access to the event and the opportunity to attend a pre-event educational talk appropriate for bourbon connoisseurs and curious beginners; 12 bourbon samples; VIP line access if you arrive after general admission opens (3:00 p.m.)

\$40, Door General Admission: Tickets purchased the day of the event; includes access to the event beginning at 3:00pm; 10 bourbon samples; Upland Brewery beer samples; and a souvenir bourbon glass

\$30, Advance General Admission: Tickets purchased before the day of the event; includes access to the event beginning at 3:00pm; 10 bourbon samples; Upland Brewery beer samples; and a souvenir bourbon glass

\$15, Safe Driver: Food only; for non-drinkers

Tickets are available for purchase at the Philharmonic office, online at www.thecip.org/bourbonfest or by phone at 812-376-2638. Must be 21 or older to attend; valid identification required at check-in.

The event will feature sample tastings of a variety of bourbons including flavors poured by Jim Beam, Brown-Forman, Heaven Hill, Four Roses, Evan Williams, and Bear Wallow Distillery; sample tastings of a variety of local brews; Bourbon Ball Marshmallows from 240sweet; live music performed by The Tiptonians; and an After Party at The Garage Pub & Grill featuring unique bourbon cocktails.

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is brought to life through the passion of our musicians, and the incredible generosity of donors and sponsors. This fundraiser will support artistic programming and education initiatives and assist us in building a sustainable future for symphonic music in south central Indiana.

ABOUT REPUBLIC NATIONAL DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

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involved. RNDC serves as a product liaison between suppliers and those who sell alcoholic beverages – defined by its impeccable customer service, unrivaled expertise in beverage education, and a board product portfolio.

ABOUT SOUTHERN GLAZER'S WINE AND SPIRITS

Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits, LLC is North America's largest wine and spirits distributor, and the preeminent data insights company for alcoholic beverages. The company has operations in 44 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, Canada, and the Caribbean, distributes more than 150 million cases of wine and spirits annually, and employs more than 20,000 team members.

ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is celebrating its 30th anniversary season in 2016-2017. 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.

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is a public, not-for-profit corporation supported by private donations, the Columbus Area Arts Council, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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