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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

*Philharmonic invites area choirs to celebrate Reformation in concert*



**October 10, 2017 (Columbus, Ind.)** – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic welcomes a festival chorus including area church choirs to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in two concerts: an evening performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 and a 3:00 p.m. matinee show on Sunday, October 29. The concert, sponsored by Area Lutheran Churches of the Missouri Synod, is the second in the orchestra's 2017-2018 season titled "LISTEN - Great. Live. Music."

Featured on the program is the Philharmonic Chorus and a large number of local and regional choirs of many denominations totaling to more than 100 singers. Three soloists will perform with the choirs: Andrew Rader, Alto; Joseph Ittoop, Tenor; and Nathaniel Olson, Baritone.

Both performances will take place at the newly renovated Columbus North Erne Auditorium at 1400 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, IN 47201. Tickets are priced from \$5 to \$50, and are available at [thecip.org](http://thecip.org), in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus and by phone at 812-376-2638. Recently added to the schedule, tickets to attend the Sunday matinee will be available online on Wednesday, October 11.

For further purchasing details, refer to the information section at the conclusion of this press release.

### **ABOUT THE CONCERT**

The Reformation had a profound impact on many things in life, including music. We will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this historic event with a massive festival chorus singing JS Bach and Vaughan Williams. A dramatic choral-orchestral setting by Dan Forrest of *A Mighty Fortress* and Mendelssohn's great masterpiece, his *Reformation Symphony*, completes the experience. [Click here to view the concert program notes.](#)

Forty-five minutes before the concert, David Bowden and Mark Teike (St. Peter's Lutheran Church) will share their thoughts in a *Musically Speaking* pre-concert conversation free to concert ticket-holders. This entertaining, spirited and informative discussion is a wonderful chance to become familiar with the great music of the Philharmonic. *Musically Speaking* will take place at Columbus North High School's Large Group Instruction (LGI) Room at 6:45 p.m. prior to Saturday's concert. The Philharmonic will not host a *Musically Speaking* event on Sunday.

**Concert Program**

**Saturday | October 28, 2017 | 7:30 p.m. | Columbus North Erne Auditorium**

**Sunday | October 29, 2017 | 3:00 p.m. | Columbus North Erne Auditorium**

Cantata No. 80 Ein Feste Burg (A Mighty Fortress) <i>And though this world with devils filled</i> (Chorus) <i>How blessed are they</i> (Alto & Tenor Duet) <i>That word above all earthly powers</i> (Chorus)	Johann Sebastian Bach
Five Mystical Songs for Baritone and Chorus <i>Easter</i> <i>I Got Me Flowers</i> <i>Love Bade Me Welcome</i> <i>The Call</i> <i>Antiphon</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams
A Mighty Fortress	Martin Luther/Dan Forrest
Symphony No. 5 in D Major, op. 107 "Reformation" <i>Andante – Allegro con fuoco</i> <i>Allegro vivace</i> <i>Andante</i> <i>Andante con moto</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

**ABOUT THE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS**

Conducted by Artistic Director David Bowden, the Columbus Philharmonic Chorus encompasses a wide range of skill level and experience from high school students to mature adults. It is the Chorus's mission to serve as part of the orchestra during the concert season, performing choral-orchestral works. It is the largest and most significant adult education program of the Philharmonic's wide range of educational offerings.

Founded in 1987, the Chorus has played an integral role in the Philharmonic's concert programming. In its first concert, soloists Sarah Kittle, Janie Gordon, Victor Floyd, and Owen Hungerford sang *Serenade to Music* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Fifty-two singers from the Columbus area comprised the original Chorus. Over the past 28 seasons, a number of those singers have participated regularly with more than 60 other local and regional singers in each of the Choral concerts.

*"I'm passionate about the Philharmonic Chorus, because of the unique opportunity it affords this 'church choir' singer. It's a joy to sing the great works with great singers like Tim Noble and Sylvia McNair; remarkably only five minutes from home."*

Luther Pierson  
Philharmonic Chorus Singer

The wide repertoire of the Chorus includes performances of such classical works as Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion*, Dan Forrest’s *Requiem for the Living and in paradisum*, “The Ninth” and the massive *Missa Solemnis* by Beethoven, Verdi’s *Requiem*, *Peaceable Kingdom* and numerous other pieces written by Randall Thompson, Honegger’s *King David*, many works composed by John Rutter including his *Requiem*, and Handel’s *Israel in Egypt*. The Chorus has also performed all of the choral-orchestral music of Johannes Brahms. Lighter concerts have included opera choruses and the Broadway music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe, and Leonard Bernstein.

**TICKET PURCHASING INFORMATION**

Individual tickets for this concert can be purchased online at thecip.org, in person at the Philharmonic Box Office at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus (Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), or by calling 812-376-2638, x1. Subscription packages can still be purchased in person at the Philharmonic Box Office or over the phone. Patrons can submit a “Pick-A-Pack” order by choosing 3 or more concerts to attend in person or by calling 812-376-2638, x1. The Philharmonic Family Fun Pass is available for purchase (\$25 Annual Fee; \$10/Adult and \$5/Child per concert). For discounts for groups of 10 or more, call the Philharmonic Box Office. All programs, artists, dates, times, and prices subject to change.

	<b>A Zone</b>	<b>B Zone</b>	<b>C Zone</b>	<b>D Zone</b>
<b>Adult</b>	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$15
<b>Senior (65+)</b>	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$10
<b>Student</b>	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$5

**ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC**

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic 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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