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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Columbus Philharmonic hosts 3rd Annual Lobsterfest

April 13, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.) – Lobsterfest, an annual fundraiser organized by the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, returns to downtown Columbus on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Sponsored by Old National Wealth Management, the tented event takes place along 5th Street between Franklin and Washington Streets.

What: 3rd Annual Lobsterfest

When: Saturday May 21, 2016

Time: Happy Hour @ 6:00 p.m. / Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: 5th Street, Downtown Columbus

The authentic New England clambake and lobster boil, catered by Foster's Clambakes and Catering, begins at 6:00 p.m. for a Happy Hour complete with a cash bar and live music provided by Dan Mustard. A Columbus Indiana Children's Choir ensemble, one of the programs benefiting from proceeds raised, will sing two songs demonstrating their versatility. Dinner follows at 7:00 p.m. as the event caterers drive in from Maine with a truckload of live lobsters, caught that week. Served buffet-style, the menu includes a steaming cup of traditional New England Clam Chowder, tender white steamed clams and mussels, a whole luscious bright red lobster (caught in Maine the week of the event), red bliss potatoes, and steamed sweet onions, and Blueberry Crumb Cake for dessert. For vegetarians or those with seafood allergies, a pasta alternative is available upon request.

"People have asked me about this event all winter – even those who weren't able to attend last year," said Margaret Powers, Executive Director of the Philharmonic. "Supporters look forward to this laid-back, outdoor event where sneakers, t-shirts and hats are encouraged. We want our supporters to feel at home when they're at Lobsterfest – like we're family!"

Lobsterfest tickets are \$100 per individual and \$150 per patron. Patron ticket benefits include a complimentary drink and a chance to win a Corvette Raffle ticket. Food will be prepared on-site on a grill built specifically for the occasion. Casual dress is appropriate for the evening filled with fun, food, friends, and of course MUSIC!

Proceeds from this event will help support the Philharmonic's concert and music education programs that reach more than 13,000 adults and children each year in South Central Indiana. Additional support provided by Johnson Ventures, Enkei America and Agresta, Storms & O'Leary.

To make reservations, call the Philharmonic Box Office at 812-376-2638 x1 or visit the Philharmonic website at www.thecip.org.

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, 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 organization supported by private donations, the Columbus Area Arts Council, the Indiana Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts.