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Columbus Indiana Children's Choir Turns 20

March 17, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic's 2015-2016 concert season marks the 20th anniversary year since the collaboration with the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) to launch the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir (CICC) in the Columbus community. Led by Mrs. Ruth Dwyer since its inception, CICC is recognized as one of the finest choirs in the state due to its excellent music education programming, the diversity of its members and the quality of its contributions to the community's cultural life. Join the Philharmonic Orchestra, the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir, the Philharmonic Chorus, and ICC's Cantantes Angeli led by Artistic Director Henry Leck – all on one stage to honor CICC directors and founders in a concert titled *Music for Royalty* on **Saturday, April 2, 2016** at Columbus North Judson S. Erne Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Dorel Juvenile, ticket holders will experience music from renowned composers known for famed marches, processional themes, Coronation Anthems and more!



Who: Columbus Philharmonic Orchestra + CICC +
Philharmonic Chorus + ICC's Cantantes Angeli

What: *Music for Royalty*, CICC 20th Anniversary Concert

Where: Columbus North Erne Auditorium

1400 25th Street

Columbus, IN 47201

When: Saturday, April 2, 2016

Lobby Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Musically Speaking begins at 6:40 p.m.

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

The evening's program includes William Walton's swaggering and sunny *Crown Imperial March*, *Music for the Royal Fireworks* by George Frideric Handel, and the familiar *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1* by Edward Elgar. The Columbus Indiana Children's Choir will sing repertoire by Elton John (*Can You Feel The Love Tonight?*), James Mullholland (*Think on Me*), Queen Lil'uokalani (*Aloha 'Oe*), and others. The 66-member Philharmonic Chorus will perform Handel's energetic and grandiose *Zadok the Priest* performed at every coronation of the British crown since King George II took the throne in 1727. The chorus will also sing Hubert Parry's *I Was Glad*, a setting of Psalm 122 for brass, organ and large chorus.

Fifty minutes before the concert, Music Director Dr. David Bowden and CICC Directors 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 evening's music before the concert.

Over its 20 years, CICC has expanded from one choir to three choirs: two performing choirs and a preparatory program. The performing choirs include Concert Choir for advanced singers and the Descant Choir for beginners; both choirs require singers to audition. The preparatory choir program is a non-auditioned group of first, second and third graders who learn about proper breathing, singer's posture, and basic music reading in classes held during the calendar school year. All three choirs have toured across the United States and Europe – including performances at Carnegie Hall and Avery Fischer Hall in New York City. For more information about the three choirs, click [here](#).

"It has been a thrill and an honor to have received 20 years of incredible support from these two fabulous organizations. We have been privileged to be able to share our love of music with the children, teachers, and families of the Columbus community, and I look forward to what the future brings."

Ruth Dwyer
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The three choirs are managed and directed by Ruth Dwyer, Artistic Director; Camilla Gehring, CICC Assistant Director; and Deb Eikenbary, CICC Coordinator. All three women have worked closely with children in music education for years and continue to participate in various Philharmonic programming, including membership on education committees within the Philharmonic's Board of Directors. For full program notes and to read more about Ruth Dwyer, Camilla Gehring and Deb Eikenbary, click [here](#).

As part of the anniversary celebration, CICC Alumni will be invited to participate in a special Alumni Festival during the week-long annual Choral Festival. Choral Festival is June 6-11, 2016; alumni are invited to register to perform with CICC in the concluding concert scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Columbus North Erne Auditorium.

Also presenting this performance is Philharmonic Concert Partners Boyer Machine & Tool and SIHO Insurance, Columbus Regional Health (Season Title Sponsor) and The Republic (Season Media Sponsor). Concert tickets can be purchased by calling the Philharmonic Box Office at 812-376-2638 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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