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Indiana Band Celebrate Holidays "Wright" with the Philharmonic

Nov. 18, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic orchestra will continue its revered holiday tradition in concert Sunday, December 11, 2016 at Columbus North High School Erne Auditorium with The Wright Brothers, one of Indiana's favorite vocal groups, and the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir. The concert, titled *Philharmonic Holidays!*, will feature two performances – a matinee at 3:00 p.m. and an evening show at 7:00 p.m. Both concerts are sponsored by Columbus Container and Hilliard Lyons.

This celebration includes holiday favorites from the Philharmonic orchestra like Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday," Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers" from *The Nutcracker*, a Chanukah medley, and a holiday sing-along. The Wright Brothers will take the audience on a "trip to Christmas Island," rock around the Christmas Tree with "Jingle Bell Rock," and even treat the audience to an original song, "Christmas Love."

The Wright Brothers Band - Tim Wright, Tom Wright and John McDowell - formed in 1972 in French Lick, Indiana. Although they started out as a country band, today their genre is harder to classify. Their song list ranges from 1940s standards to classic rock, from The Beatles to Jimmy Buffett. The band gained national attention in 1984 when they recorded "Made in the U.S.A." They performed on the Grand Ole Opry, *The Today Show* and appeared 12 times on *Nashville Now*. Signed with Warner Brothers and Mercury records, the Wright Brothers have had nine singles reach Billboard's Hot Country Singles chart. The band also recorded *Shot Down in Hot Blood* and a cover of "Jim Dandy" for the soundtrack of the 1987 Goldie Hawn movie *Overboard*, in which they also made a live appearance.

Led by Artistic Director Ruth Dwyer and Assistant Directors Camilla Gehring, Heather Simpson and Nicholas Kohne, the Columbus Indiana Children's Concert, Descant and Preparatory Choirs will join the orchestra at the matinee performance. The evening concert will feature the CICC Concert Choir.

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.

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

	Adult	Senior	Student	Family Fun Pass
A Zone	\$35	\$30	\$15	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child
B Zone	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child
C Zone	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child
D Zone	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child

Single tickets can be purchased by visiting www.theCIP.org or by calling the Box Office at 812-376-2638. Student and senior discounts are available. Phil's Family Fun Pass subscriptions are available by contacting the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Box Office at 812-376-2638. Concert partners for this performance include Blue and Company, Forman Investment Services and Tom Pickett's Music Center.

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. 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.

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