

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Di Wu Plays Gershwin with Columbus Philharmonic

Jan. 10, 2017 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic invites you to a LIVE experience featuring the iconic music you know from *Glee*, the Nintendo video game console Wii, and United Airlines commercials: Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. World-renowned pianist Di Wu returns to Columbus for a performance with the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic orchestra on **Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** at Columbus North High School Erne Auditorium. Co-sponsored by MainSource Bank and Tilson HR, the concert is titled *Jazzy Blue with Di Wu* and is also supported by SIHO Insurance Services.



Jazzy Blue with Di Wu

Saturday, February 4, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.
Columbus North High School Erne Auditorium
1400 25th Street
Columbus, IN 47201
[Full Artist Bio](#) | [Full Program Notes](#)

Gershwin	An American in Paris
Ravel	Piano Concerto in G Major
Ravel	Second Suite from Daphnis and Chloé
Gershwin	Rhapsody in Blue

Sparkling and brilliant, Ravel's G Major Concerto is a direct product of his fascination with American Jazz. Filled with "blue" notes, jazzy rhythms, and colorful virtuosity, Ravel's masterpiece is the perfect instrument for displaying Di Wu's dazzling technique and showmanship.

Ms. Wu will also play *Rhapsody in Blue* by George Gershwin, arguably America's first great composer, who wrote this piece in a matter of five weeks. This jazz age masterpiece stands not only as a monument to Gershwin's talents, but also as a watershed that helped transform the reputation of jazz from decadent bar-music to America's greatest native art form.

Praised in the Wall Street Journal as "a most mature and sensitive pianist" and named one of the "up-and-coming talents" in classical music by Musical America, Chinese-American Di Wu continues to enhance her reputation as an elegant and powerful musician. Having debuted at the age of 14 with the Berlin Philharmonic, she has since been heard with orchestras in Washington D.C., Pittsburgh, Boston, Seattle, Cincinnati, and four times before in 2006, 2009, 2012, and 2013 with our local Philharmonic orchestra.

Ms. Wu is also a sought after recitalist with past performances at Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center. She is also a frequent performer in Europe and in major venues throughout Asia. Her most recent appearance in Tokyo before an audience of 11,000 was recorded and released by Sony-Epic Records.

Winner of multiple awards including a coveted prize at the 2009 Van Cliburn Competition; The Juilliard School's Petschek Award; The Virtuosi Prize at Lisbon's prestigious Vendome Competition; and the winner of Astral Artists' 2007 National Auditions, Ms. Wu came to the United States in 1999 to study at the Manhattan School of Music. From 2000 to 2005 she studied at The Curtis Institute, subsequently earning a Master of Music degree at Juilliard, and an Artist Diploma under the guidance of Joseph Kalichstein and Robert McDonald.

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The Wall Street Journal

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.

	Adult	Senior	Student	Family Fun Pass
A Zone	\$50	\$45	\$25	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child
B Zone	\$40	\$35	\$20	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child
C Zone	\$30	\$25	\$15	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child
D Zone	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$10/Adult, \$5/Child

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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