

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## ***Philharmonic Brings U.S. Air Force Band – Freedom Winds – to Columbus***

**January 3, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.)** – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic presents the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America’s *Freedom Winds* in a free concert at The Commons on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Composed of six virtuoso Airman Musicians, the group adds percussion to the traditional woodwind quintet instrumentation to enhance standard literature and increase their musical capabilities.

Reservations are recommended, but not required at [www.thecip.org/freedomwinds](http://www.thecip.org/freedomwinds). This concert is free and open to the public.



**NON-COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER IN CHARGE  
FLUTE**  
Master Sergeant  
Jennifer James

**OBOE**  
Staff Sergeant  
Justin Hummer

**Bb CLARINET**  
Airman 1st Class  
Meghan Yankowskas

**HORN**  
Staff Sergeant  
Helena Giammarco

**BASSOON**  
Airman 1st Class  
Talie Ferree

**PERCUSSION**  
Master Sergeant  
David Vittetoe

Members of the group have diverse musical interests, which leads to programs with something for everyone. In addition to showcasing traditional woodwind quintet pieces, performances by *Freedom Winds* take audiences on a tour of some of the most beautiful and exciting music from various cultures around the world. Their diverse repertoire also includes jazz and ragtime classics along with popular themes from Broadway’s hit shows to Hollywood’s greatest films.

In addition to performing community outreach concerts, the *Freedom Winds* are called on to provide music for military retirements, changes of command, holiday caroling for military and civilian employees, and other official military functions. The group also reaches out to America’s young music students during concerts, clinics and master classes allowing students a unique opportunity to see a professional music group up close and personal.

The Air Force Band of Mid-America’s *Freedom Winds* deliver a versatile, unique musical product in any performing environment. This talented ensemble reflects the values and excellence found every day throughout the United States Air Force.

For complete biographies on each musician, visit our website at [www.thecip.org/freedomwinds](http://www.thecip.org/freedomwinds).

### **ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF MID-AMERICA**

The Band of Mid-America has a long history of entertaining the American public and promoting esprit de corps within the military. The unit strives to inspire the hearts and minds of our men and women serving around the world and to tell the Air Force story through the universal language of music. Each year, the Band of Mid-America performs for millions throughout a 10-state region from the upper peninsula of Michigan to Arkansas.

### **ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC**

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> 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 contributes to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and surrounding communities. This concert takes place in the Columbus Arts District.

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