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### ***Columbus Philharmonic to Raffle a 2017 Corvette***

**March 24, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.)** –The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and Chevrolet of Columbus are collaborating to organize the Philharmonic’s first raffle fundraiser featuring a 2017 Chevrolet Stingray Corvette grand prize! The campaign begins March 28, 2016 and will conclude on December 10, 2016 when the winning ticket is drawn or when the organization sells the maximum 999 tickets – whichever event occurs first.

The winner of the Philharmonic’s Corvette Raffle will drive away in a 2017 Black Base Model Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Coupe, valued at over \$55,000, with automatic transmission, including standard features designed by Chevrolet. This sleek, brilliantly engineered driving machine features the world’s fastest-acting suspension, a 6.2L V8 engine, and an aluminum space frame lighter than its predecessors, among other features.

Tickets to enter the December drawing are \$150 per entry and are not tax-deductible. The Philharmonic will pay the required state and federal taxes on the vehicle prior to the winner taking delivery of the prize. The Philharmonic will only sell 999 tickets, greatly increasing each ticketholder’s chances to win.

Due to the campaign’s national reach, the winner does not need to be present at the drawing to win but must be 18 years old to enter. See [complete rules](#).

To purchase a ticket, entrants must submit an [entry form](#) to the Philharmonic along with payment. Entrants can submit an entry form in 3 ways: (1) Mail to or drop off at 315 Franklin Street Columbus, IN 47201; (2) Fax to 812-669-2336; or (3) Call us at 812-376-2638 x1 with required entrant information. Due to Indiana Charitable Gaming Commission Regulations, raffle tickets cannot be purchased online or with a credit card. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check payable to Columbus Indiana Philharmonic or debit card.

**“The Corvette accelerates like a rocket (duh) , has razor-sharp steering, zero body roll [...] the controls are effortless, the gearbox is delightful around town with a smooth consistent clutch, and the ride quality is fine for a car with this much performance.”**

**[Autoweek Test Drive Review](#)  
*Wes Raynal***

For local supporters, tickets will be available for purchase at the Philharmonic office at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus and at the Chevrolet of Columbus dealership.

“[Chevy of Columbus](#) is honored to be involved in the Phil’s inaugural car raffle. It is our way of giving back to a community that we’re proud to call home” says Fred Armstrong, Community Relations Director for the dealership. “The work the Philharmonic is doing for area youth is truly remarkable and essential to their growth and success.”

After payment is processed and approved, each entrant will receive a confirmation receipt containing his/her raffle ticket number(s). The purchase deadline is November 28, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.; the drawing will take place at the Chevrolet of Columbus dealership on Columbus’ west side on U.S. 46 on Saturday, December 10, 2016.

All proceeds netted from the fundraiser will be used to support the Philharmonic’s youth [music education](#) programming, provide student scholarship funding and continue to enhance concert season events. Executive Director Margaret Powers is hopeful this fundraiser will continue in future years and become an ongoing source of funding for the not-for-profit organization.

“This an exciting time for the Philharmonic,” says Executive Director Margaret Powers. “The Columbus community has enthusiastically embraced our organization in recognition of three decades of contribution to our area’s artistic heritage; it is very gratifying to have this kind of civic involvement and support.”

For more information, visit the [Corvette Raffle](#) tab at [www.theCIP.org](http://www.theCIP.org) or contact Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Marketing Director [Katelyn Phillips](#).

## **ABOUT CHEVROLET OF COLUMBUS**

Chevrolet of Columbus has been helping customers achieve their transportation needs and desires for years with an excellent selection of new and used cars. The brand was founded in Detroit, in November 1911, by racer Louis Chevrolet and General Motors founder William C. "Billy" Durant, who developed cars that quickly earned reputations for performance, durability and value. Those traits remain at the core of Chevrolet, the world's fourth-largest automotive brand. The local dealership is located at 2825 Merchant Mile in Columbus, Indiana.

## **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.

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