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Philharmonic Announces 2017 Winter/Spring Cabaret Series

December 16, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic welcomes a dynamic range of captivating performers in a uniquely intimate and sophisticated setting for its 2017 Winter/Spring *Cabaret at The Commons* series. The following artists, each with a rehearsed show theme, will perform in the series: handsomely talented and velvet voiced **Johnny Rodgers** on Thursday, January 12; four-time Tony Award nominee (*Les Misérables*, *Chess*, *She Loves Me*, *Fun Home*) **Judy Kuhn** on Thursday, March 9; and Broadway leading man **Billy Porter** on Thursday, April 6.

Ticket prices are categorized into three affordable options: V.I.P \$55, Preferred \$35 and General Admission \$20. Table reservations are available in the V.I.P. and Preferred sections. Those planning to attend multiple shows are encouraged to purchase a package; purchase all three shows, get 15% off or purchase two and get 10% off. Tickets may be purchased online at www.theCIP.org or by calling the box office at 812-376-2638, x1. Physical tickets will not be issued for this series. Patrons check-in upon arrival using their reservation name.



January 12: Johnny Rodgers | Legends of American Music

With past performances alongside Liza Minnelli, Michael Feinstein, and Stephen Schwartz, the canny pop chameleon Johnny Rodgers takes a rambunctious trip through timeless tunes made popular by the likes of Jerry Lewis, Louis Armstrong, James Taylor, and Elvis.

"Set Johnny Rodgers near a piano and *Pow!*, it's a concert. From Memphis to St. Jo, with the snap of Chicago, easy Southern charm, New York energy and St. Louis rhythms - there's that crazy mixed-up American spirit and the multifaceted Johnny Rodgers to deliver it." - *Bistro*, New York



March 9: Judy Kuhn | Rodgers, Rodgers and Guettel

Four-time Tony Award nominee, Judy Kuhn's new show celebrates a century of American Song from one remarkable family: Richard Rodgers, his daughter Mary Rodgers and her son Adam Guettel. When the show premiered to a sold out crowd at Lincoln Center's American Songbook, the *New York Times* called Kuhn a "top of the line singer [who] portrayed the lineage of the composer Richard Rodgers as more than bloodline, [but] a proudly romantic musical tradition." Her ability to shape a phrase with velvety legato and find the right expressive coloring for each note and each word is the epitome of cultured vocalism.

"Judy Kuhn is lump-in-your throat poignant!" – *New York Daily News*



April 6: Billy Porter | Broadway and Soul

The Tony- and Grammy-winning tenor Billy Porter's show, *Broadway and Soul*, features boldly inventive mash-ups of Broadway, swing, disco, and blues. Known for his humor and innate vocal power, Mr. Porter has a knack for shifting personas on stage performing a selection of songs, including his own, drawing on a wide spectrum of styles and emotions.

"As the musical styles shifted and overlapped, Mr. Porter changed persona, from an old-fashioned song-and-dance man; to a haughty drag queen wearing red high-heeled boots and a bow tie; to a contemporary hipster." - *The New York Times*

Cabaret at The Commons is Columbus' premier nightlife destination, featuring artists from coast to coast in an up close and personal musical experience. This series is sponsored by our Series Media Sponsor, The Republic; our Performance Hall Sponsor, City of Columbus; and our Talent Partner, The Cabaret. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.; Cabaret-goers are encouraged to arrive early to socialize with friends and enjoy cocktails and lite appetizers. A full cash bar will be provided by Joe Willy's Burger Bar.

First Class Catering will continue to offer a full dinner option in addition to a lighter hors d'oeuvres menu. Meal reservations, available to VIP and Preferred patrons, are \$18 per person and must be made in advance by calling the Philharmonic office at 812-376-2638, x1. Patrons can choose from one of provided entrée choices, including a vegetarian option. Meals include a mixed green salad and dessert. Ticket-holders who have reserved dinner will be served from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Complete series or single show sponsorships are available for corporate and/or individuals. For more information, call Executive Director Margaret Powers at 812-376-2638, x2 or email at margaretp@thecip.org.

ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is proud to partner with The Cabaret to further its mission to advocate a life-long interest and involvement in music. The Cabaret is the only arts organization in Indianapolis dedicated to the art of professional cabaret performance, thus a valuable resource in recruiting world-traveled, top-notch performers to the *Cabaret at The Commons* stage. With a full complement of concerts and music education programs, the Philharmonic is honored to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and surrounding communities.

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.

Cabaret at The Commons takes place in the Columbus Arts District.

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