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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Columbus Philharmonic announces Bourbonfest sampling event is back for third year

December 10, 2018 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic announces the return of *Bourbonfest* on Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. with VIP entry beginning at 2:00 p.m. at The Commons in Columbus, Indiana's Arts & Entertainment District. Bourbon is the event's featured beverage served by the top bourbon distributors in the country – Republic National Distributing Company and Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits – featuring spirits by Jim Beam, Maker's Mark, Basil Hayden, Buffalo Trace and others; and local bourbon distilled by Bear Wallow Distillery, Hotel Tango, and Starlight Distillery. This event is made possible by Indiana Grand Racing & Casino and QMIX 107.3.

What: Bourbonfest – Come Get Your Phil

When: Saturday, February 23, 2019

Time: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

VIP Entry Begins at 2:00 p.m.

General Admission Entry Begins at 3:00 p.m.

Where: The Commons, 300 Washington Street, Columbus, IN 47201

Whether you like yours on the rocks, neat, with a splash or shaken and strained, this fundraiser bourbon tasting event will salute and showcase the bourbon-making process and the storied history of the industry. Featured bourbons include brands by Jim Beam, Brown-Forman, Heaven Hill, Sazerac, Knob Creek, Traverse City, Eagle Rare, Basil Hayden's, Southern Comfort, Caribou Crossing, and more. The Philharmonic also welcomes the following bourbon vendors: West Fork Bourbon, Breckenridge Bourbon, Rabbit Hole Bourbon, Bear Wallow Distillery, Starlight Distillery, and Hotel Tango. The event's live music will be performed by harpist Wendy Muston. The Bourbonfest After Party at The Garage Pub & Grill will feature unique bourbon cocktails.

Event Tickets

\$60, VIP | \$65 starting 2/12: Includes early access to the event at 2:00 p.m.; the opportunity to attend Bourbon University, an educational talk from the stage appropriate for bourbon connoisseurs and curious beginners; 12 bourbon samples with options to taste ½-oz straight bourbon or 1-oz bourbon cocktails; bourbon inspired hors d'oeuvres prepared by The Garage Pub & Grill; a swag bag containing bourbon themed souvenirs, recipe cards, snacks, and water; access to vendor swag available at each booth for free (while supplies last); live music entertainment; unlimited self-serve bar snacks; a commemorative souvenir shot glass

\$40, General Admission | \$45 starting 2/12: Includes access to the event at 3:00 p.m.; 10 bourbon samples with options to taste ½-oz straight bourbon or 1-oz bourbon cocktails; live music entertainment; unlimited self-serve bar snacks; a commemorative souvenir shot glass

\$15, Safe Driver: Includes unlimited soft drinks at the event; live music entertainment; unlimited self-serve bar snacks; a commemorative souvenir shot glass

The Philharmonic will sell a maximum 150 VIP tickets and 450 General Admission tickets. Tickets are available for purchase starting Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Philharmonic Box Office at 315 Franklin Street, Columbus, IN 47201, online at www.thecip.org, or by phone at 812-376-2638, x1. Must be 21 or older to attend; valid identification required at check-in.

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is brought to life through the passion of talented musicians, and the incredible generosity of donors and sponsors. This fundraiser will support artistic programming and education initiatives and assist in building a sustainable future for symphonic music in south central Indiana.

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ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and David Bowden have recorded for Naxos Records, have been broadcast on national radio and TV, and 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 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.

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic is a public, not-for-profit organization supported by private donations and the Columbus Area Arts Council, the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.