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### ***COLUMBUS PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS SPRING CHORAL CONCERT***

**February 22, 2019 (Columbus, Ind.)** – The Philharmonic Chorus and the Columbus Indiana Children’s Choir join together to present an evening of great choral music on Saturday, March 30 at First Christian Church in downtown Columbus. With an emotional focus ranging from a terrific “laughing song” by Handel to a “raise the roof” spiritual by Moses Hogan, the concert, entitled “Music from the Heart – Music for the Soul,” will celebrate the beauty of human voices joined together in song.

The program will open with “How Can I Keep from Singing?” arranged by Alice Parker. Serving as the event’s theme song, “How Can I Keep from Singing?” is an exquisite setting of a Quaker Folk Hymn that describes the irrepressible urge we have to sing in the midst of all of life’s circumstances.

Other selections include “Two Motets Op 29, Nos. 1 & 2” by Johannes Brahms, the fantastic Moses Hogan spiritual entitled “Glory, Glory to the Newborn King,” Lauridsen’s *O Magnum Mysterium*, a heart-warming setting of Ave Maria from Rachmaninoff’s *Vespers*, that spectacular “Laughing Song” by Handel entitled “Haste Thee Nymphs,” and much more!

The Philharmonic Chorus and the Columbus Indiana Children’s Choir will also perform a collaborative presentation of Caldwell & Ivory’s stirring “Hope for Resolution: A Song for Mandela and DeKlerk,”

It has been over 15 years since the Philharmonic chorus has been featured in its own concert, and the special “Music for the Soul” choral concert is separate from The Phil’s regular concert season.

Tickets are available as advanced purchase only and are ten dollars for adults and five dollars for children and students.

#### **ABOUT THE PHILHARMONIC CHORUS**

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Chorus has been an important element of the Philharmonic programming since the first concert in 1987. Singers range in age from high school students to senior citizens.

Under the direction of The Phil’s Music Director, David Bowden, the Chorus performs works ranging from classical to musical theater; from oratorios, requiems, and opera to holiday favorites; and from middle ages to modern.

Participation in the Chorus does not require an audition. Anyone who can read music, finds pleasure in the teamwork of choral participation, and is willing to strive for musical excellence is encouraged to join.

## ABOUT THE COLUMBUS INDIANA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Columbus Indiana Children's Choir (CICC) is an auditioned group of 160 children from grades 4 through 8 in Bartholomew County and surrounding counties.

The program has two choirs, the Concert Choir for more advanced singers and the Descant Choir for beginning members. Each choir rehearses once a week and performs locally three or four times each semester. Advanced singers are offered tour opportunities – past tours have included: Carnegie Hall (New York City), Washington DC, Western National Parks Tour, Ireland, Canada, and central Europe.



The Columbus Indiana Children's Choir is a cooperative effort between the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and the [Indianapolis Children's Choir](#).

## TICKET PURCHASING INFORMATION

Single tickets are available online at [www.thecip.org](http://www.thecip.org), or they may be purchased by phone at 812-376-2638, x1 or in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus. Single tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students. Tickets are available as advanced purchase only.

This season is sponsored by Packaging Corporation of America.

## ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Founded in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and David Bowden have received local, state, national and international recognition, winning five ASCAP awards for Creative Programming 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 South-Central Indiana.

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