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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

***Columbus Philharmonic hosts 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lobsterfest***

**April 2, 2019 (Columbus, Ind.)** – Lobsterfest, an annual fundraiser organized by the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, returns to downtown Columbus on Saturday, May 11, 2019. The fundraiser, “Claws for a Cause,” continues to raise money for the Philharmonic’s music education programs, including the Columbus Indiana Children’s Choir, the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, and Strings in the Schools, all serving more than 13,000 adults and children each year in South Central Indiana. Sponsored by Old National Bank, the event takes place along 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin and Washington Streets in the Columbus Arts and Entertainment District.



**What: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lobsterfest**

**When: Saturday, May 11, 2019**

**Time: Happy Hour @ 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Robotic Races After Dinner  
After-Party with Live Music & Dancing**

**Where: Old National Bank Parking Lot  
501 Washington Street  
Downtown Columbus**

The authentic New England clambake and lobster boil, catered by Foster’s Clambakes and Catering located in York, Maine, begins at 6:00 p.m. for a Happy Hour complete with live music provided by the nine-piece Park Avenue Band, a “lobster lounge” sponsored by Thompson Furniture, and a cash bar provided by The Garage Pub & Grill. Happy Hour music will be supplemented by a special musical presentation by the Columbus Indiana Children’s Choir, one of the programs benefiting from proceeds raised. Served buffet-style, dinner follows at 7:00 p.m. and includes a steaming cup of traditional New England clam chowder, tender steamed clams and mussels, a whole luscious bright red lobster, red bliss potatoes, steamed sweet onions, and blueberry crumb cake for dessert. For vegetarians or those with seafood allergies, an alternative is available upon request by emailing [tickets@thecip.org](mailto:tickets@thecip.org).

Lobsterfest tickets are divided into two levels: \$125 Patron and \$175 Patron Plus. Patron Plus ticket benefits include two complimentary drinks at the bar. Reservations must be made by May 1, 2019. Individuals or businesses can also purchase a table for 10 for \$1,500 which includes two bottles of wine (must be purchased by a single individual or business). Food will be prepared on-site in a lobster boil built on 5<sup>th</sup> Street specifically for the occasion. Casual dress is appropriate for the evening filled with fun, food, friends, music and dancing!

Returning for the third year is Columbus's GalacTech Team 4926 to run a series of Lobster races, using their robots as the race vehicle. Currently ranked 16<sup>th</sup> of 57 teams in Indiana, team members will mentor Lobsterfest attendees as they endeavor to maneuver a robot carrying a toy lobster over a set course.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.thecip.org](http://www.thecip.org), by visiting the Philharmonic Box Office at 315 Franklin Street during business hours (M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), or by calling the Box Office at 812-376-2638, x1.

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#### **ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC**

Founded in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and David Bow den 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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