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## **COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SALUTE! CONCERT**

**May 6, 2019 (Columbus, Ind.)** – Music Director Dr. David Bowden and the award-winning Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra present the 19th Annual *Salute!* concert, a celebration in honor of those who have served and currently serve in the U.S. Armed Forces. The outdoor concert takes place on the lawn of the Bartholomew County Courthouse on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.



**Who:** Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra  
**Guest Artist:** Abigail Beerwart, *vocalist*  
**What:** 19th Annual *Salute!* Concert  
**Where:** Bartholomew County Courthouse Lawn  
234 Washington Street | Columbus, IN 47201  
**When:** Friday, May 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

This free patriotic pops concert began in 2001 and continues to be a community favorite each year during Memorial Day weekend. The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic performance features uplifting musical works, powerful vocals and dramatic readings that honor the military service of all our men and women in uniform, their families at home, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The event has become one of Columbus' highly anticipated programs and is a tradition for families as they bring lawn chairs, blankets and their patriotic attire. Concert patrons will enjoy a Blackhawk helicopter landing at 6:00 p.m. along with concessions offering hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, chips, water, and soft drinks. Concession proceeds benefit the Columbus East High School Band Boosters.

Included in the 2019 program, the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic will present a special flag-folding ceremony honoring those who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedoms: Some Gave All — All Gave Some

This year's program welcomes guest vocalist Abigail Marie Beerwart. Born and raised in Columbus, IN, Beerwart was homeschooled through high school. A May 2019 graduate of Wheaton College (IL) with a BMus in Vocal Performance, she will be pursuing an MM in Opera Performance at the Maryland Opera Studio at the University of Maryland's School of Music in the fall. Abigail has sung principal roles in *The Magic Flute*, *Die Fledermaus*, and *L'Orfeo* and has won numerous first place vocal competition awards. When she is not performing, Abigail enjoys spending time with her family, playing with her dogs, hiking, riding her horses, and doing any activity at beautiful Crystal Lake, Michigan.

Alex Farrar, 2019 Betty F. Brown Award for Instrumental Excellence First Place Winner, will join the orchestra for Carmichael's *Stardust*. Farrar is a 2019 graduate of Columbus North High School. Alex has been playing saxophone for the past seven years, studying privately for the last four. At CNHS Alex has been a member of numerous performing groups including marching and pep bands, pit orchestras, musical choruses, and vocal jazz ensembles. Alex has also participated in honor bands, All-State Orchestra, and All-State Jazz Band. Alex has also won multiple orchestra concerto competitions. He will be attending the IU Jacobs School of Music this fall pursuing a degree in saxophone performance.

Whether you enjoy patriotic music, the anthems of the branches of our Armed Services, or the stirring 1812 Overture, you will be full of pride for our country and the men and women who commit their lives to military service.

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