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Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Cancels Upcoming Concerts

March 16, 2020 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic announces the cancellation of the following events due to the COVID-19 outbreak:

1. March 28, 2020 “Forrest and Brahms” concert
2. April 25, 2020 “Tchaikovsky” concert

“The health and safety of our patrons, musicians and staff are our primary concern in navigating through this most difficult and unprecedented situation,” said Philharmonic Board President, Barry Turner. “We are committed to taking the necessary actions to protect our community as a whole. And therefore, we are cancelling our next 2 concerts: “Forrest & Brahms” on March 28 and “Tchaikovsky” on April 25. The CIP has made this decision for the welfare of our patrons, artists and staff. AND in support of and compliance with our community’s leadership efforts to reduce the risk for everyone.”

The Philharmonic office will be open to take calls at 812-376-2638 beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2020. This will give office staff time to prepare for offering two options to those who are holding tickets for these concerts.

The two options are:

1. exchange for a gift certificate to be used in the 2020-21 or 2021-22 Philharmonic seasons, or
2. offering the ticket cost(s) as a tax-deductible donation to the Philharmonic.

Tracy Haddad, Interim Executive Director of the Phil said, “It is your continued support through this crisis that will enable the CIP to continue to fulfill our mission – to bring the joy of quality music to the community. Our passion to fulfill this mission is what has encouraged us to ask: *If you are tickets holders for the March 28th or April 25th concerts, would you please consider your ticket(s) a donation to the organization?* Your decision to do so can be *very impactful* on our organization at this time. We truly appreciate your consideration of this donation to the CIP!”

This is a challenging and unprecedented situation. The Philharmonic will continue to monitor updates and recommendations from state, local, and federal leaders. Please visit www.theCIP.org for concert updates and the latest information on our health and safety protocol.

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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