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2018-2019 Philharmonic Orchestra Season: *STAY TUNED*

February 5, 2018 (Columbus, Ind.) – Music Director Dr. David Bowden and the award-winning Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra announce programming and events for the 2018-2019 Orchestral Concert Season beginning in September 2018 and concluding in April 2019. The season, titled *Stay Tuned*, includes: an opening night pops concert honoring the life and career of American musical icon Leonard Bernstein; a veterans concert to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day; and beautiful ballads and toe-tapping jigs of the Emerald Isle with Irish Dancers and tenor Ronan Tynan in March.

Season subscriptions can be purchased in person at the Philharmonic Box Office at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus (Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), or by calling 812-376-2638, x1. The Philharmonic introduces new discount season subscription options designed for millennials, families and active duty military – *Untuxed Phil*, *Phil's Family Fun Pass*, and *Tickets for Troops*. Patrons interested in purchasing season tickets or tickets to 3 or more concerts, called "Pick-A-Pack," are encouraged to buy before March 31, 2018 to secure 2017-2018 season pricing before prices go up April 1, 2018. Single tickets will go on sale this summer. Groups of 10 or more, call the Philharmonic Box Office. All programs, artists, dates, times, and prices subject to change. This season is sponsored by Columbus Regional Health and The Republic.

Forty-five minutes before most concerts, Dr. Bowden will share his thoughts in a *Musically Speaking* pre-concert conversation joined by the featured guest artist. This entertaining, spirited and informative discussion is free to concert ticket-holders, and is a wonderful chance to become familiar with the great music of the Philharmonic.

BERNSTEIN & GERSHWIN

Featuring Drew Petersen, piano
Saturday, September 15, 2018
Columbus North High School Judson S. Erne Auditorium
1400 25th Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the legacy of American musical icon Leonard Bernstein for a party commemorating his 100th birthday. The orchestra honors his life and career with music from *West Side Story*, dances from *On the Town*, and his *Candide Overture*. Award-winning pianist Drew Petersen completes the program with a jazzy piano concerto by Gershwin.

DURUFLÉ REQUIEM & ENIGMA VARIATIONS

With the Philharmonic Chorus
Saturday, October 20, 2018
First Christian Church
531 5th Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:30 p.m.

Experience Duruflé's Requiem – a work of profound beauty and soothing character – featuring your Philharmonic Chorus in the superb acoustics of First Christian Church with the world-class organ joining the Orchestra. Elgar's Enigma Variations, which also incorporates the organ, is a delightful romp through musical depictions of Elgar's friends.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

With The Wright Brothers
Saturday, November 10, 2018
Columbus North High School Judson S. Erne Auditorium
1400 25th Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:30 p.m.

Peace and freedom are bought with a substantial cost. The Phil pays tribute to those who have served and to those currently serving in our armed forces, providing protection and liberty to us all. On the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day (WWI), we recognize the sacrifices of our veterans and their families.

PHILHARMONIC HOLIDAYS

Saturday, December 8, 2018

**Columbus East High School Robbins Auditorium
230 S. Marr Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:30 p.m.**

With favorites including music from *The Nutcracker*, Let It Snow, Silver Bells, Jingle Bell Rock and a joyous audience sing-along, this concert is a perfect way to get the entire family in the holiday spirit.

GORGEOUS GRIEG & BRAHMS' SECOND SYMPHONY

Saturday, February 2, 2019

**Columbus North High School Judson S. Erne Auditorium
1400 25th Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:30 p.m.**

The stunning beginning of Grieg's concerto is one of the most memorable moments in classical music and the entire concerto is filled with beautiful melodies. The 2nd Symphony of Brahms is simply "sunny," perfect for a February concert!

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

With Ronan Tynan, tenor

Saturday, March 2, 2019

**Columbus North High School Judson S. Erne Auditorium
1400 25th Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:30 p.m.**

You'll be enchanted by the beautiful ballads and toe-tapping jigs of the Emerald Isle accompanied with a lively performance by the Irish Dancers. Sing along with the orchestra on *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* and other familiar favorites. Irish tenor, Ronan Tynan, will surely tug at your heartstrings with his rendition of *Danny Boy*.

TCHAIKOVSKY & BEETHOVEN 7

With Susie Park, violin

Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Columbus North High School Judson S. Erne Auditorium
1400 25th Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:30 p.m.**

Young Australian-born violinist, Susie Park – known worldwide for her "searing emotive range" and dynamic stage presence - joins the Phil for Tchaikovsky's spirited Violin Concerto. Its supreme beauty, emotion and virtuosic challenges have made it an audience favorite. The Philharmonic concludes the season with Beethoven's joyous 7th Symphony.

SALUTE!

Friday, May 24, 2019

**Bartholomew County Courthouse Lawn
234 Washington Street | Columbus, IN 47201 | 7:00 p.m.**

Now in its 19th year, this free, outdoor pops concert is performed on the grounds of the Bartholomew County Veterans Memorial. Join the Philharmonic for a patriotic salute to honor those who have served and are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Started 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 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.

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