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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Philharmonic Performs Duruflé Requiem and Elgar Enigma Variations

October 3, 2018 (Columbus, Ind.) – The Philharmonic Chorus joins the award-winning Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra in the upcoming performance of Maurice Duruflé’s *Requiem*. Rounding out the evening, the Orchestra will perform Edward Elgar’s *Enigma Variations*. The performance will be at First Christian Church in downtown Columbus on Saturday, October 20, 7:30 pm.

Duruflé’s *Requiem* is a stunning masterwork of profound beauty and soothing character. The splendid world-class Aeolian-Skinner organ will be featured as a part of the instrumental ensemble accompanying the Philharmonic Chorus. The superb acoustics of First Christian Church enhances the listening experience for the audience.

The Philharmonic Chorus is a 70-member ensemble made up of local singers who enjoy the opportunity of singing with an orchestra. While some members of the Chorus have performed Duruflé’s *Requiem*, this work is new to a majority of the singers and has never before been performed by the Philharmonic Orchestra. The variety of rhythms and intricacies of the musical lines offer the Chorus a challenge. Under Music Director David Bowden has them fully prepared as the concert approaches. In addition to singing with the Chorus, Mezzo Elizabeth Perry and Baritone Grant Farmer will be featured soloists.

Forty-five minutes before the concert, Dr. Bowden will share his thoughts in a *Musically Speaking* pre-concert conversation. 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.

Elgar’s *Enigma Variations*, which also incorporates the organ, is a delightful romp through musical depictions of Elgar’s friends. This includes the movement, *Nimrod*, one of the most famous and beautiful melodies ever written as well as a musical representation of a joyously barking dog falling in the river, clambering up on the bank, and shaking off the water on everyone around him.

Tickets must be purchased in advance for this concert and can be obtained on the Philharmonic’s website at www.thecip.org/tickets, by calling the Box Office at 812.376.2638, x1 or at the office on 315 Franklin Street. Tickets are priced at \$20 for students, \$40 for Adults and \$35 for Seniors. Seating for this performance is General Admission. The performance will take place at First Christian Church, 531 Fifth Street, Columbus, IN 47201. Lobby doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Some of the Philharmonic’s best concerts over the years have been at First Christian. This performance promises to be another such magnificent and memorable musical event!

TICKET PURCHASING INFORMATION

New season subscribers are eligible for special BOGO 50% off – buy one season ticket and get the second season ticket at 50% off, increasing the savings available by purchasing a season ticket.

Season subscriptions, offering discounts ranging from 15% to 50% are still available and 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. Other discounted ticket options are designed for those in their 20’s and 30’s (*Untuxed Phil*), families (*Family Fun Pass*) and active duty or retired military personnel (*Tickets for Troops*). Discounted tickets for groups of 10 or more can be purchased by phone or in person at the Philharmonic office.

Single tickets are available online at www.thecip.org, or can be purchased by phone at 812-376-2638, x1 or in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus.

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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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