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COLUMBUS PHILHARMONIC PRESENTS FAMILY-FRIENDLY HOLIDAY CONCERT

With Acclaimed Tenor, Justin John Moniz, Harpist Wendy Muston, and Santa

November 24, 2018 (Columbus, Ind.) – Bring the whole family to experience the warmth and beauty of the “Philharmonic Holidays!” Concert. Choose between 2 concerts on Saturday, December 8 at Columbus East’s Robbins Auditorium. The 3:00 p.m. concert is specifically designed for younger children and their families, and the 7:30 p.m. concert is also family-friendly. Santa will be present in the Lobby before and during Intermission at each concert.

Featuring familiar favorites such as “Sleigh Ride” and “White Christmas,” popular holiday movie music from *Home Alone* by John Williams, and a fantastic tenor soloist singing a wide variety of musical styles from *Messiah* to Broadway, this concert is a perfect way to get the entire family in the holiday spirit.

Award-winning tenor Justin John Moniz, our vocalist, will sing “Somewhere in my Memory,” and other music from *Home Alone*, “Bring Him Home” from *Les Misérables*, “Angels We Have Heard on High,” and a fabulous arrangement of “O Holy Night.”

Philharmonic Principal Musicians will also be featured as soloists with the orchestra in the concert. Harpist Wendy Muston will play a gorgeous piece based on “Sing We Now of Christmas.” The Phil’s brilliant, young, newly-named Concertmaster, Daniel Aizenshtadt, will play a stunning arrangement of Ave Maria. And the entire clarinet section will be featured on Leroy Anderson’s chuckling “Clarinet Candy.”

The performances will take place at Columbus East High School’s Robbins Auditorium, 230 South Marr Road, Columbus, IN 47201 on Saturday, December 8, Lobby doors open at 2:15 p.m. on December 8, for the 3:00 p.m. concert and at 6:30 p. m. for the 7:30 p.m. performance.

ABOUT DR. JUSTIN JOHN MONIZ

Not yet 30, the versatile Moniz has sung more than 80 theater and opera roles around the globe, twice won the American Prize in Vocal Performance, holds four music degrees and currently serves as Coordinator of Vocal Studies at Milliken University in Decatur, Ill.

Dr. Moniz has been consistently lauded for his charismatic stage presence and audience engagement. One reviewer stated: “Justin John Moniz has a commanding stage presence and strong singing voice ... the momentum [of the evening] built through ovation after ovation...”

[Photos attached. Possible side bar quote option: “Commanding Stage Presence” and “Simply Outstanding – Glorious...Made me SHIVER.”]

TICKET PURCHASING INFORMATION

Single tickets are available online at www.thecip.org, or they may be purchased by phone at 812-376-2638, x1 or in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus. Single tickets are priced from \$5 - \$25 for students; from \$15 to \$50 for adults; and from \$10 to \$45 for seniors.

This season is sponsored by Columbus Regional Health and The Republic with additional support provided by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Foundation. The lead sponsor for this concert is Hilliard Lyons.

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.