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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### ***Philharmonic Celebrates a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!***

**August 17, 2018 (Columbus, Ind.)** – Music Director Dr. David Bowden and the award-winning Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra’s Season Opening concert on Saturday, September 15, 2018 will celebrate Leonard Bernstein’s 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with music from several of his most beloved hits. Selections from *West Side Story*, his *Candide Overture*, dances from his Broadway musical *On the Town* and the Overture from his Tony Award winning musical *Wonderful Town* will showcase a broad range of Bernstein’s talents as a composer. Winner of the Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award, Bernstein introduced music to a generation of children with his Young People’s Concerts, conveying his excitement about making music and the impact music has on the listener. Rising star and multiple award-winning pianist Drew Petersen joins the Philharmonic Orchestra to round out the concert with a performance of George Gershwin’s jazzy Piano Concerto in F.

The performance will take place at Columbus North Erne Auditorium at 1400 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, IN 47201. Lobby doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Forty-five minutes before the concert, Dr. Bowden will share his thoughts in a *Musically Speaking* pre-concert conversation joined by guest artist Drew Petersen. 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.

#### **ABOUT DREW PETERSEN [More Information Here](#)**

Recipient of numerous honors and awards, Mr. Petersen first began his career path at the age of five when he was presented at Carnegie’s Weill Recital Hall. A few years later at age nine, he gave a solo recital at Steinway Hall in Manhattan for Steinway & Sons’ 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mr. Petersen is a sought-after soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Winner of a 2018 Avery Fisher Career Grant, the 2017 American Pianists Awards and the Christel DeHaan Fellow of the American Pianists Association, and also Artist-In-Residence at the University of Indianapolis, he has been praised for his commanding and poetic performances of repertoire ranging from Bach to Zaimont.

Mr. Petersen’s firm belief in the importance of music in contemporary global society led him to collaborations with Young Audiences NY presenting performances in NYC Public Schools. His appearance in Andrew Solomon’s New York Times’ bestselling book, *Far From the Tree*, sparked a nation-wide conversation on raising extraordinary, different children who test the willpower and capabilities of their families and society. Mr. Petersen continually advocates for the necessity of classical music and other arts in society, and was named a 2006 Davidson Fellow for his portfolio entitled “Keeping Classical Music Alive.”

#### **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 priced from \$10 to \$35 for students; from \$25 to \$60 for Adults; and \$20 to \$55 for Seniors. Single tickets are available online at [www.thecip.org](http://www.thecip.org), or can be purchased by phone at 812-376-2638, x1 or in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus.

This season is sponsored by Columbus Regional Health and The Republic with additional support provided by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Foundation.

### **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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