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## Orchestra concludes 31<sup>st</sup> season with award-winning pianist Sean Chen

**April 4, 2018 (Columbus, Ind.)** – Award-winning pianist Sean Chen returns to Columbus for the final concert of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic's 2017-2018 season to play Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2 on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Columbus North High School's Judson Erne Auditorium. Made possible by Force Construction, Enkei America and guest artist sponsor Owen Hungerford, the concert – titled *Sean Chen Plays Brahms 2* – is also supported by our season sponsors, Columbus Regional Health and The Republic. Also on the program are Copland's "Letter from Home" and his masterpiece "Appalachian Spring," which includes the familiar Shaker tune "Tis a Gift to be Simple." <u>Click here to view the full program</u>.

The performance will take place at Columbus North Erne Auditorium at 1400 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, IN 47201. Tickets are priced from \$5 to \$50 (Adult, Senior, Student), and are available at www.thecip.org, in person at 315 Franklin Street in downtown Columbus and by phone at 812-376-2638, x1.

## **Ticket Purchasing Information**

Individual tickets for this concert can be purchased online at thecip.org, 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. Discount programs, like the Phil's Family Fun Pass or Untuxed Phil (a new discount program for millennials 21-35), are available for purchase at www.thecip.org/discounts. For discounts for groups of 10 or more, call the Philharmonic Box Office. All programs, artists, dates, times, and prices subject to change.

	A Zone	B Zone	C Zone	D Zone
Adult	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$15
Senior (65+)	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$10
Student	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$5

## About Sean Chen: More Information Here

Hailed as a charismatic rising star with an exceptional ability to connect with an audience combined with an easy virtuosity by the Huffington Post, 26-year-old American pianist Sean Chen won third prize at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 2013, and was also awarded the Christel DeHaan Classical Fellowship of the American Pianists Association the same year. He continues to earn accolades for alluring, colorfully shaded renditions (New York Times), and was recently named a 2015 fellow by the prestigious Leonore Annenberg Fellowship Fund for the Performing Arts.

Lauded for his natural charisma and approachable personality, Mr. Chen is particularly in demand for residencies that combine performances with master classes, school concerts, and artist conversations. He has previously worked with many prominent orchestras, including the Fort Worth, Hartford, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Phoenix, San Diego, Santa Fe, Tucson, and New West Symphonies, collaborating with such esteemed conductors as Leonard Slatkin, Gerard Schwarz, Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Marcelo Lehninger, and others.

## **About Columbus Indiana Philharmonic**

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and David Bowden have recorded for Naxos Records, have been broadcast on national radio and TV, and 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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