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**Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Presents a Concert of Comfort and Joy**

On November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church in downtown Columbus, the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic (CIP) will provide uplifting music for the heart and soul. Under the baton of Artistic Director David Bowden, the Philharmonic will present its third concert of the 2020–21 season, featuring coffeehouse music by Bach, celebratory pieces by Handel, mischievous music by Mozart, and spectacular works for organ and brass by Widor, Gigout, and Gabrieli.

The majestic organ at First Christian Church and members of the CIP brass section open the concert with Strauss’ *Solemn Procession of the Knights*, followed by French composer Charles Marie-Widor’s *Lord, Save Your People*, written during World War I. Strings join the concert for Bach’s Orchestral Suite in D Major—with the famous movement *Air (on the G String)* and the courtly dances—making this landmark piece one of his best known.

The third movement of Mozart’s Serenata notturna, *Rondo,* with its lively complement of strings and timpani,was a piece composed for an evening of entertainment. Giovanni Gabrieli’s *Canzon Duodecimi Toni* featuring a brass choir in the balcony providing a call and response with the magnificent Aeolian-Skinner organ in front is sure to provide a fascinating listening experience for the audience.

The evening’s program also includes:

Handel’s popular and well-known *Entrance of the Queen of Sheba* from *Solomon* with its energetic strings and a pair of melodic oboes, illustrates the splendor and beauty of the queen. The organ takes the spotlight with the thrilling and challenging piece *Grande Choeur Dialogué* by Eugène Gigout. The evening concludes with Handel’s joyous La Réjouissance (Joyful Celebration) from *The Music for The Royal Fireworks.*

For more information about upcoming concerts in the 2020-21 season of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, visit thecip.org or call the Box Office at 812.376.2638. Tickets will not be available at the door. Social distancing seating will be observed, and masks will be required.

**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.

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