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Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Cancels Christmas Concerts

(December 1, 2020) - In light of the continuing concern regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID19), the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic (CIP) Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas concerts scheduled for December 12 at 3pm and 7:30pm at First Christian Church.

“We are so grateful to have been able to present live concerts this fall.” Said David Bowden Artistic Director of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic. “Our Downton Abbey-themed concert and Comfort & Joy November concert were so enthusiastically received by our patrons longing for live music. We are disappointed not to be able to present our Candlelit Christmas concert featuring Abigail Beerwart and beautiful music for the holiday season. We look forward to resuming concerts in the near future when it is safe to do so. Until then, the musicians and I wish you a meaningful and joyous Christmas season.”

“This is a challenging time for many industries,” said Executive Director Heidi Kelley, “as arts organizations, restaurants, small businesses, and many others rely on the ability to interact in groups regularly. While the decision to cancel concerts is heartbreaking, our priority is the safety of everyone in the CIP family and our community as a whole. We will continue to find ways to perform live music during this difficult time, and we can’t wait to see everyone back as soon as we safely can.”

Several options are available for patrons who have already purchased tickets to these concerts:

- Donate your tickets – tax deductible for your ticket value. Your generous support is appreciated, as it allows the CIP to continue fulfilling its mission during challenging times.
- Exchange your tickets for a gift certificate to be used for any future ticket purchase. Good for any concert through May 2022.
- Apply the value of your ticket to future performances.

For assistance, please contact the CIP Box Office by email at tickets@thecip.org or call 812.376.2638.

We are grateful to each member of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, including our volunteers, musicians, donors, and patrons for their generous spirit and dedication to our organization during this trying time. Now more than ever, your support will help to sustain the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic for not just the coming weeks and months, but for years to come.

To make a donation today, please visit [thecip.org//support/donate](https://thecip.org/support/donate). We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this challenging and unexpected situation. The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic will continue to monitor updates and recommendations from state, local, and federal leaders; please visit theCIP.org for concert updates and the latest information on our health and safety protocol.