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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

***Columbus Indiana Philharmonic announces ‘audition’ season with six conductor finalists***

**March 28, 2022 (Columbus, Ind.)** – When longtime Columbus Indiana Philharmonic (CIP) conductor and artistic director David Bowden announced that he would retire at the end of the 2021-2022 season, 147 bandleaders applied to fill his podium. Now, the CIP has narrowed its search for a new artistic director to six finalists. Each will come to Columbus to conduct one concert in the 2022-2023 season, plus give talks and mingle with concertgoers and supporters. Every aspect of the finalists’ visits, on stage and off, is part of an intensive tryout.

“I am extremely grateful for the dedication of volunteers, patrons, staff, board members and musicians to keep concerts & cabarets available in our community and music education programs going the past few years,” says CIP Board of Directors President Melissa Fairbanks. “The future of the Philharmonic is incredibly bright as we embrace new ideas and honor cherished traditions. Come join us!”

The 2022-2023 concert season – titled “MAESTRO” – will include six concerts each conducted by a finalist in the running to become our next Conductor and Artistic Director. In addition to the six, in December, the CIP will host two holiday performances, as usual, led by a guest conductor, Dr. Brian Eads, who is not a finalist. Our 23<sup>rd</sup> annual *Salute!* Concert scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2023 will also feature a guest conductor, Dr. Roger Kalia.

“The CIP is excited to have such an opportunity to program some unique performances with our varied group of conductor finalists. There is a great mix of traditional, classic pieces as well as some more contemporary music,” says CIP Executive Director Donnie Robinette. “Our candidates’ ideas for programming are similar to what our community surveys have said; it is also a genuine reflection of their personalities as well. Our programming committee worked with the candidates to develop the next season with both our traditional season subscribers and new patrons in mind.”



***Symphonic Dances***

Saturday, September 17, 2022  
 7:30 PM · Columbus North Erne Auditorium

Introducing Finalist #1 – Maestro Sergey Bogza

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***Repertoire***

Javelin	Torke
The Lark Ascending	Vaughan Williams
Slavonic Dance	Dvořák
Symphonic Dances	Rachmaninoff



## **Made in America**

Saturday, October 22, 2022  
7:30 PM · Columbus North Erne Auditorium

<i>Repertoire</i>	
Motor City Dance Mix	Holland
Made in America	Tower
Symphony No. 9	Dvořák

Introducing Finalist #2 – Maestro Timothy Verville

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## **Taking Flight**

Saturday, November 19, 2022  
7:30 PM · Columbus North Erne Auditorium

<i>Repertoire</i>	
Overture to Die Zauberflöte	Mozart
Swan Lake Waltz	Tchaikovsky
Berceuse and Finale	Stravinsky
Symphony No. 6	Beethoven

Introducing Finalist #3 – Maestro Isaac Selya

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## **Holiday Pops**

Saturday, December 10, 2022  
3:00 & 7:30 PM · Columbus East Robbins Auditorium

With special guest conductor – Maestro Brian Eads

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## **Clash of the Titans**

Saturday, February 4, 2023  
7:30 PM · Columbus North Erne Auditorium

<i>Repertoire</i>	
Ascending Bird for Strings	Aghaei & Jacobsen
Symphony No. 1	Mahler

Introducing Finalist #4 – Maestro Vlad Vizireanu

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## **Golden Days**

Saturday, March 25, 2023  
7:30 PM · Columbus North Erne Auditorium

<i>Repertoire</i>	
In Good King Charles's Golden Days	Coleman
Suite Pastorale	Chabrier
Symphony No. 1	Brahms

Introducing Finalist #5 – Maestro Charles Latshaw

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## **Rhythm and Blues**

Saturday, May 6, 2023  
7:30 PM · Columbus North Erne Auditorium

<i>Repertoire</i>	
Lightspeed	Day
City Beautiful	Stözel
Montgomery Variations	Bonds
Clarinet Concerto	Shaw
Symphony No. 1	Still

Introducing Finalist #6 – Maestro Carolyn Watson

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## ***Salute!***

Saturday, May 26, 2023

7:00 PM · Bartholomew County Courthouse Lawn

With special guest conductor, Maestro Roger Kalia

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Season subscriptions go on sale Monday, March 28, 2022. If you are a current subscriber, you can reserve the same seat you had last season until Wednesday, June 15, 2022. Take advantage of early bird pricing

thru Friday, May 27, 2022. To purchase tickets for 4+ concerts at a discounted rate, call the CIP Box Office at 812-376-2638. Single tickets will go on sale August 1, 2022. To purchase a season subscription, [fill out this form](#) and return it to the CIP Box Office at 315 Franklin Street, Columbus, IN 47201. You can also call 812-376-2638 with your order details. To purchase online, visit [www.thecip.org/maestro](http://www.thecip.org/maestro).

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