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VENUE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

SALUTE! 2025 PRESENTED BY THE COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

Columbus, IN — Due to forecasted weather conditions during the scheduled time of the Salute! 2025 concert, the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic (CIP) has made the difficult decision to move the event indoors. The concert will now take place at **Erne Auditorium at Columbus North High School** on Friday, May 23rd, 2025 at 7:00pm.

“I always look forward to our annual Salute program, which for me is one of our most meaningful concerts so we can remember those who gave their lives for our freedoms. There is nothing like holding this event outdoors with thousands in attendance, but this unfortunately leaves us at the mercy of the weather and that means that we sometimes need to move indoors. We look forward to return to the Columbus AirPark for Salute 2026!” - Dr. Isaac Selya, CIP Music Director

This decision was not made lightly, as we greatly value the tradition of performing outdoors for our community each year. However, after consulting with multiple weather forecasting sources—including meteorologists affiliated with the Columbus Municipal Airport—we determined the change to be necessary.

At the time of the performance, temperatures are expected to be at or below 60°F, with a rapid drop into the low-to-mid 50s. These conditions pose a risk of damage to musical instruments, especially string instruments, and would also impact the comfort and safety of both musicians and attendees.

We warmly invite the community to join us for our **Salute! celebration** at the new indoor location. While the venue has changed, the spirit of the program remains the same. This cherished annual event honors those who have served in the United States Armed Forces with a program of patriotic and contemporary music.

Maj. Gen. Mark A. Pillar, USAF (Ret.), will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Event Details:

- **Location:** Erne Auditorium, Columbus North High School
- **Doors Open:** 6:00 PM
- **Program Begins:** 7:00 PM
- **Admission:** Free (seating available on a first-come, first-served basis)

We thank the community for its understanding and support as we prioritize safety and the integrity of the performance. We look forward to sharing this meaningful evening of music and remembrance with you.

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