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**A celebration of the classics rounds out Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's 2017-18 season**

*Timeless favorites, contemporary 20<sup>th</sup> century masterpieces and Kennedy Center appearance highlight the new season*

*Tickets for all concerts on sale now*

INDIANAPOLIS (August 7, 2017) – One of the nation's oldest symphonic choruses, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces tickets are on sale now for all upcoming concerts as part of the 2017-2018 season. Covering everything from *Messiah* and Mozart favorites to 20<sup>th</sup> century masterpieces and the Golden Age of Broadway, the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary season's stellar lineup reflects the Choir's celebration of the choral classics.

Tickets and show information are available online [indychoir.org](http://indychoir.org) or by calling the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir at (317) 940-9057.

Following the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's acclaimed performance at Carnegie Hall during the 2016-17 season, the group will travel to Washington D.C.'s The Kennedy Center for a performance of Penderecki's *Credo* as part of the SHIFT festival in April 2018.

"Our upcoming season really feels like the Symphonic Choir taking its next step forward in organizational maturity," shares Artistic Director Eric Stark. "If you would have told me five years ago – let alone when I started with the Choir 15 years ago – that we would be performing at the Kennedy Center, on top of such a dramatically diverse line-up of classics paired with modern-day music all in one season, I'm not sure I'd believe you."

Executive Director Michael Pettry added, "On top of our gorgeous performances right here in Indy, the Symphonic Choir's programming has expanded to the larger, national stage as well. Our recent release on the world's largest classical musical label Naxos has opened new doors for us, plus we look toward an anticipated nationwide television broadcast and a soon-to-be-announced new holiday recording in the coming months. Carnegie Hall last season, Kennedy Center this season – what an honor."

The full season lineup includes:

- **The Golden Age of Broadway: Rodgers & Hammerstein (feat. Kelli O'Hara)**  
*Friday, September 15, 2017, 11 a.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*  
*Friday, September 15, 2017, 8 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*  
*Saturday, September 16, 2017, 8 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*
- **Festival of Carols**  
*Sunday, December 3, 2017, 7 p.m. Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts*  
*Friday, December 15, 2017, 8 p.m. The Palladium, Carmel*  
*Saturday, December 16, 2017, 3 p.m. The Palladium, Carmel*  
*Saturday, December 16, 2017, 8 p.m. The Palladium, Carmel*  
*Sunday, December 17, 2017, 3 p.m. The Palladium, Carmel*
- **Handel's Messiah**  
*Thursday, December 21, 2017, 7:30 p.m. The Palladium, Carmel*  
*Friday, December 22, 2017, 7:30 p.m. The Palladium, Carmel*
- **Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms & Vaughan Williams's Dona Nobis Pacem**  
*Saturday, February 3, 2018, 7 p.m. Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts*

- **Gala Bel Canto: Italy!**  
*Saturday, February 24, 2018, 6 p.m. The Conrad Indianapolis*
- **Penderecki's Credo**  
*Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*  
*Friday, April 13, 2018, 8 p.m. The Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.*
- **Mozart Requiem**  
*Friday, June 1, 2018, 8 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*  
*Saturday, June 2, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*  
*Sunday, June 3, 2018, 3 p.m. The Palladium, Carmel*
- **Mozart's The Magic Flute**  
*Friday, June 8, 2018, 8 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*  
*Sunday, June 10, 2018, 3 p.m. Hilbert Circle Theatre*

For more information on the full lineup, visit [indychoir.org/press](http://indychoir.org/press). Photos and other digital content for media use are available at: [indychoir.org/about/gallery/](http://indychoir.org/about/gallery/).

### **About the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir**

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is honored to be one of the nation's established and dynamic musical institutions, marking its 81<sup>st</sup> season in 2017/2018. Among the most active symphonic choruses in the United States, the Choir reaches in excess of 25,000 people each season with more than 25 performances and a comprehensive educational outreach program. The 200 volunteer singers demonstrate the Choir's commitment to musical excellence through their talent and dedication during each 42-week season. The choral partner of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Symphonic Choir was founded in 1937 at the ISO's request to perform the great choral-orchestral repertoire. This continued partnership exhibits the very best of collaborative ideals – two independent arts organizations combining their strengths to create beautifully lasting musical results. The Choir is dedicated to excellence in the performance of choral music, the creation of new choral masterworks, and to community outreach and education throughout the community. The Choir is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year as the official choral partner of the Indianapolis Public Schools, providing teacher training, educational resources, performance experiences and free printed music. The Symphonic Choir also presents the All-City Honor Choir, a partnership with IPS for musically gifted students. For more information about the Symphonic Choir, visit [www.indychoir.org](http://www.indychoir.org).

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