



## Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces two new board members

*Volunteer board of directors expands as Choir prepares for major holiday performances*

INDIANAPOLIS (November 8, 2017) - The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir proudly announces the addition of two new members to its board of directors: Kevin Kerswick of Crowe Horwath LLP and Jeffrey Qualkinbush of Barnes & Thornburg LLP. Celebrating its 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary season in 2017-18, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is dedicated to excellence in the performance of choral music, the creation of new choral masterworks, and to outreach and education throughout the Indianapolis community.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is governed by a volunteer board of directors comprised of choral music advocates with an overall dedication to the mission of the institution. For 81 seasons, the board of directors has ensured the ongoing success of one of performing arts' greatest treasures as the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir gives voice to classical music.

**Kevin Kerswick, Senior Manager at Crowe Horwath LLP**, is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) providing assurance and consulting services with a specialization in the non-for-profit and government sectors.

**Jeffery J. Qualkinbush, Partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP** since 2000, has extensive experience serving as finance counsel to public school corporations throughout Indiana. Jeff has been involved with vocal music in many different genres, including choral, for more than 40 years.

One of the oldest and most active symphonic choruses in the U.S., the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's returned to New York City for an acclaimed performance at Carnegie Hall during the 2016-17 season, and 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.

Tickets for the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's annual holiday performances of *Festival of Carols* are on sale now. Due to the celebration's popularity, and following sell-out runs in the past four years, the 2017 performances will again feature five concerts. The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir celebrates their 81<sup>st</sup> season in 2017/2018, welcoming the holidays this year at the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts at Butler University (Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m.) and the Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts in Carmel (Friday, December 15 at 8 p.m., Saturday, December 16 at 3 p.m., Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, December 17 at 3 p.m.).

The 2017 performances of *Festival of Carols* feature the 200-voice Indianapolis Symphonic Choir (among the largest and oldest choruses in the nation) joined by the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets range from \$21-\$46 and may be purchased at [indychoir.org](http://indychoir.org) or by calling the Palladium box office at (317) 843-3800. All ages are encouraged to attend the family-friendly show. Student tickets are available for a special price of only \$15.

**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> Anniversary 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 now in its tenth 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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