



Indianapolis Symphonic Choir partners with Indianapolis Zoo to feature carolers during this year's Christmas at the Zoo event

WHAT: This holiday season, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is proud to partner with the Indianapolis Zoo by providing carolers on select Saturday evenings. Octets of singers scattered throughout the Zoo will perform both sacred and secular holiday carols to enhance patron experiences at Christmas at the Zoo, presented by Donatos and Teachers Credit Union. "I'm so excited the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir will be lighting up the campfires with their beautiful music," said Mrs. Claus. "Music and the holidays go together like sugar cookies and candy sprinkles. See you all in my kitchen in Santa's Village at the Zoo."

WHEN: 6-9 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, November 28

Saturday, December 5

Saturday, December 12

Saturday, December 19

WHERE: Indianapolis Zoo | 1200 West Washington St.

TICKETS:

Reservations and Timed-Entry Tickets are required for Christmas at the Zoo, which runs November 21-December 30. More information available at www.IndianapolisZoo.com.

DON'T MISS: 30TH ANNIVERSARY BROADCAST OF *FESTIVAL OF CAROLS*

A Midwest holiday tradition and season highlight for the city of Indianapolis, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's annual *Festival of Carols* will celebrate 30 years with a special broadcast of the performance on MyINDY-TV 23 on Monday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Following sell-out runs across multiple live performances over the last five years, the 2020 broadcast performance comes in lieu of a live audience due to ongoing COVID-19 precautions. Although the Symphonic Choir is best known for performing classical music, *Festival of Carols* features a selection of fan-favorite and traditional holiday music, along with musical surprises for the whole family. The performance will feature Indianapolis native and world-renowned soprano Angela Brown, whose presence has been at the forefront of opera, concert and empowerment through music across the globe.

About the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, celebrating its 84th season in 2020-2021, is proud to be one of the nation's most established and dynamic musical institutions. Among the most active symphonic choruses in the United States, the Choir reaches more than 20,000 persons each season through performances and education & community engagement programs. The 150 volunteer singers demonstrate the Choir's commitment to musical excellence through their talent and dedication during each 10-month season. The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir was founded in 1937 at the request of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra 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. Following the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's acclaimed performance at Carnegie Hall during the 2016-17 season, the group traveled to Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center as a guest of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra during the SHIFT festival in April 2018. The Choir's latest recording, *Festival of Carols*, was released by Naxos in 2019 and features two-time Grammy Award-winning artist Sylvia McNair. The Choir is dedicated to excellence in the performance of choral music, the creation of new choral masterworks, and to community outreach and education. For more information about the Symphonic Choir, visit www.indychoir.org.

About Christmas at the Zoo:

Dating back to 1967, the Indianapolis Zoo was the first zoo in the nation to hold a holiday lights event. Christmas at the Zoo, presented by Donatos and Teachers Credit Union, is a magical time of year that guests can come and see the Zoo at night. The 52nd year adds even more lights to fill the Zoo with a warm glow. Christmas at the Zoo is included with regular admission. Under the Bicentennial Pavilion, Santa's Village is one of the newest additions. Here, you'll discover:

- Extra hours to visit Santa through December 23:
5-9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays
5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
*12:30-4 p.m. December 12-23 only
The Zoo is closed Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Eve and Day.
- Mrs. Claus' Kitchen: Free visits with Mrs. Claus through Dec. 23 and treat decorating available for purchase.
- Santa's Barn: See Santa's sleigh and a few of his reindeer!
- Carolers from the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir (on select Saturday evenings).
- Tunnel of Lights: Have your camera ready to remember the moment you step inside the tunnel and are surrounded in glowing lights!
- Penguin Encounter: Get up close to these winter-ready birds from 6-8pm (animal and weather dependent).

- Look for mistletoe hidden throughout the Zoo and submit your answers in the picturesque Mistletoe Kisses Gazebo for a chance to win an Animal Art Adventure!
- Holiday Card Photo Opportunity: Larger than life holiday card for a larger than life family photo moment!
- Also new this year: Santa's Favorite Christmas Tree, located in Santa's Village under the Bicentennial Pavilion.

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