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## **Arts Commission Invests Over \$30,000 in the Indianapolis Children's Choir**

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INDIANAPOLIS - Today, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced it has awarded \$31,002.00 to the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) through the Arts Organization Support grant program.

During its June 10th Quarterly Business Meeting, the Commission approved funding recommendations for the Arts Project Support and Arts Organization Support grant programs. Over 460 applications were reviewed by 85 Hoosiers from around the state specializing in arts, community development, and finance.

"The projects and organizations that are receiving funding are improving the economic and educational climates of the state of Indiana," said Alberta Barker, Chair of the Indiana Arts Commission. "The Commission is delighted to support this investment in Hoosier communities. It is a privilege to uplift the impressive creative work being done around the state."

The ICC will utilize this funding to continue its mission to provide high quality music education experiences to children in Central Indiana. With programs across the city, in donut counties, and in Anderson and Columbus, the ICC's programming currently reaches over 2,500 young people annually.

"Thanks to funding like this grant from IAC, we can continue to bring the ICC experience to more and more children throughout the community," explained Joshua Pedde, Artistic Director of the ICC. "It's about so much more than just singing, when these kids come together to form a choir, they make lasting friendships, learn about leadership, grow to appreciate cultural differences, and gain other lifelong skills."

"Art and creativity strengthen the fabric of Indiana's communities. They promote connection and cohesion, foster the entrepreneurial spirit communities need to thrive, and create the kinds of communities where people want to live," said Miah Michaelsen, Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission. "In each of Indiana's 92 counties, public funding for arts and creativity continually proves to be a high-return investment that improves the quality of life of every Hoosier and drives economic development within our state."

Funding for the Indiana Arts Commission and its programs are provided by the Indiana General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

### **About the Indianapolis Children's Choir**

Since its founding in 1986, the Indianapolis Children's Choir has grown to become one of the largest professional children's choirs in the world. Led by Artistic Director Joshua Pedde, the ICC serves more than 2,500 central Indiana children from ages 18 months through 18 years in our ensembles and music education outreach programs. The ICC nurtures and inspires student achievement through quality music education and the pursuit of artistic excellence in choral music performance. To enroll a child, attend a concert, or make a financial donation, visit [icchoir.org](http://icchoir.org) or call 317.940.9640.

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