



Indianapolis Children's Choir
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Indianapolis Children's Choir High School Division Presents Two Major Works

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On **Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm**, singers from the Indianapolis Children's Choir's Master Chorale and the Anderson Area Youth Chorale will present a concert filled with poetry and psalms **at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation**. Talented young singers will be accompanied by an orchestra for a full celebration of springtime in Indiana as they present two uplifting major choral works: **Vincent Persichetti's *Celebrations*** and **Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms***. This concert also honors the graduating seniors of these ensembles as the choir dedicates and performs some of their favorite choral pieces to celebrate the fun and friendships that the ICC offers its singers over the years.

Celebrations sets Walt Whitman's poetry to music as it explores the resilience and optimism of the human spirit. Works include Whitman's classics such as *Stranger*, *Voyage*, and *You Who Celebrate Bygones*. *Chichester Psalms* is an exciting composition that sets to music the complete texts of Psalms 100, 23, and 131, together with a few verses from Psalms 108, 2, and 133. The work debuted in 1965 and was commissioned for the 1965 Southern Cathedrals Festival at Chichester Cathedral.

"We've been incredibly lucky to bring together so many from the Indy community as singers work to learn these challenging pieces," explains Joshua Pedde, Artistic Director of the ICC. "Singers learned from Cantor Aviva Marar who ran a clinic for singers and Steve Rappaport who led discussions regarding the background and inspiration for the *Chichester Psalms*. We've also partnered again with our friends at the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir."

Several members of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir (ISC) will perform with the high school singers and have also served as their mentors, plus ISC Director Eric Stark will conduct a few of the movements at the performance.

Tickets are \$14 each and can be purchased online in advance at icchoir.org/tickets. Ages 5 and under can attend for free but require a ticket. If the concert does not sell out in advance, additional tickets will be available for purchase at the door prior to the performance.

About the Indianapolis Children's Choir

Currently finishing its 37th season, 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. The Indianapolis Children's Choir 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 charitable gift, visit icchoir.org or call 317.940.9640.

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