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The Indianapolis Children's Choir to Host Summer Music Camps and Teacher Symposium

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INDIANAPOLIS – This summer the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) will **welcome over 150 children in** grades 1-8 to summer music camps across central Indiana. Imagine Summer Music Camp kicked off this past weekend in Columbus, Indiana with the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir, a division of the ICC. Singers came together for a weekend of friendship, song, and a concert for a successful start to the summer season.

Next, the ICC will host two Imagine Summer Music Camps at Butler University for young singers, with **separate sessions from June 5-9, 2023 and July 10-14, 2023**. This exciting camp is an ideal introduction to the ICC's renown choral instruction and artistic excellence. Along with part-singing and music theory, campers will explore the movement side of music and play several instruments like drums, xylophones, and more. Each camp session concludes with a concert, and the public performance is always a great display of just how much campers can learn in just a week's time! Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Carmel on the day of the performance, and ages 5 and under can attend for free.

Both sessions of the Indianapolis camp are supported by generous partners who help make it possible: Indy Summer Youth Programs and Delta Faucet Company. **Camp registrations can be accepted until the first day of each session and financial assistance is available for children in need.** Registration can be completed online in advance here: <u>icchoir.org/camp</u>

In addition to camp, the ICC will provide professional development for music educators at the **8th Annual ICC Summer Teacher Symposium from June 5-8, 2023**. The Symposium welcomes all music teachers and directors – from all backgrounds – schools, churches, community choirs, and elementary through high school. Participants will take part in sessions about current music education topics, conducting, and have the chance to observe the Imagine Summer Music Camp student sessions. This year Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, Professor Emerita of Choral Studies at the University of Toronto, will serve as a special guest clinician. Registration is open now for the in-person or virtual option: <u>icchoir.org/symposium</u>

The summer season will conclude with a one-day camp with the Anderson Area Children's Choir, another affiliate of the ICC, on **August 26, 2023** at Anderson First United Methodist Church. This camp is ideal for children entering grades 1-7 in the fall, and campers will learn multiple pieces of music to conclude the day with a free concert for the community. Registration can be completed online in advance here: icc.august.com

About the Indianapolis Children's Choir

Currently concluding 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.