



Indianapolis Children's Choir
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Indianapolis Children's Choir Debuts Two New Pieces at *Unity* Concert

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INDIANAPOLIS - - On **May 6, 2023**, singers from across central Indiana will come together to debut two new songs during its *Unity* Season Concert. The Season Concert performance will showcase children in kindergarten through 10th grade. They will sing a selection of songs at **3:00 pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis**. This exciting concert brings together singers from the Indianapolis Children's Choir and its affiliates, the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir and the Anderson Area Children's Choir, in a celebration of what connects us all—music.

In addition to a bringing singers together, this concert also features exciting collaborations with composers and musicians. Singers will be accompanied by the **Directors' Jazz Orchestra**, a talented group of musicians which has roots in Madison County and is the resident band for the Pendleton Heights Jazz Festival.

"*Unity* is going to be a true celebration of coming together to celebrate hope, joy, and music," says Joshua Pedde, Artistic Director of the ICC. "We are so excited and honored to be debuting two new pieces of music from very talented composers that both illustrate what it means to come together in unity."

Terang, a **song commissioned especially for the Indianapolis Children's Choir**, focuses on a Malay proverb. It explores the fading performance art of Malay-Kelantanese Wayang Kulit (shadow puppet) tradition by featuring various choral techniques that represent duality. The text translates to "a person alone, dies alone; but two people together will talk/discuss/converse." *Terang* is the first commission by an American choir by composer Tracy Wong, who hails from Malaysia and currently resides and teaches in Canada. "We are so excited to learn more about the shadow puppet tradition and the cultures represented in this piece - ICC exposes us to so many languages and cultures and this piece is something so entirely new and different," shared an ICC singer.

Hope is a Waking Dream, composed by Greg Gilpin, is another song making its debut at the *Unity* concert. The song is based on text from Aristotle that aims to inspire both the performers and audience to seek unity and ignore the divisions among us.

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 concerts do 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 in 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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