



Indianapolis Children's Choir
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Indianapolis Children's Choir Opens 2023-2024 Concert Season

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INDIANAPOLIS - - The 2023-2024 Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) Concert Season begins on **October 14, 2023** with the **Reflections: Sounds of the Pacific** concert. Singers will transport audiences from Indianapolis to the bright fiery volcanoes of the South Pacific to the shaded tranquil gardens of East Asia during the first concert of the season at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center in Zionsville.

"This concert will begin our exciting season that we're calling *A World Showcase*. It'll be a great way to expose singers and audiences to a lot of different cultures and musical styles at each performance," shares Joshua Pedde, Artistic Director of the ICC.

This concert alone will feature the captivating sounds of India, China, Hawaii, Korea, and more through the voices of young singers from 14 choirs, including the ICC's Beginning Level Choirs, Lyric, Indy Voice, and Master Chorale ensembles.

One featured song is *Terang*, a song commissioned especially for the Indianapolis Children's Choir, that focuses on a Malay proverb. It explores the fading performance art of Malay-Kelantanese Wayang Kulit (shadow puppet) and it 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.

Another featured piece is a new arrangement of *Hawai'i Aloha* by the ICC's Composer in Residence, Leeann Starkey. This traditional song is sung at many important Hawaiian events, like the start of each Hawaii State Legislative Session, the inauguration of each new Hawaii governor, and more.

We invite you to embark on this journey of a season of song with the talented young singers of the Indianapolis Children's Choir!

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 38th 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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