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Indianapolis Children's Choir Welcomes Sarah Scharbrough McLaughlin as First-Ever Artist in Residence

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INDIANAPOLIS - - The Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) is thrilled to welcome local musician and recording artist Sarah Scharbrough McLaughlin to the new Indianapolis Children's Choir Performing Arts Center as an Artist in Residence. In addition to having office space in the center, Scharbrough McLaughlin has plans to collaborate with the choir in various ways.

"We opened the new Performing Arts Center just last year, and I'm so pleased to already have such a wonderful local talent joining us in one of our office spaces. As an alum of the ICC herself, Sarah is no stranger to the choir and what it means to the community and to young musicians." shares Joshua Pedde, Artistic Director of the ICC.

Scharbrough McLaughlin is a founding member of the ICC and performed at the very first public appearance with the choir at the Pan Am Games in 1986. Since then, Scharbrough McLaughlin's life and career has followed a musical path. She has released six original studio albums, was featured on two Emmy Award-winning TV shows, and has collaborated with countless Grammy Award-winning artists. She performs regularly across central Indiana in venues like The Palladium and The Jazz Kitchen.

Planned creative crossovers with Scharbrough McLaughlin and the singers and artistic staff of the ICC include concert collaborations, songwriting contributions to the ICC Publishing House, a podcast for music professionals, and much more. Both parties aim to enrich one another with musical opportunities that will have an impact on fellow artists and the singers in the ICC.

"When we get together, we enjoy feeding off of each other's ideas. I'm excited to see all that comes of this collaboration." Scharbrough McLaughlin explains of her relationship with Pedde and the ICC. "ICC has this beautiful new performing arts center and it will be great to connect more musicians to this organization by inviting them into it for various uses. To have such a long history with this group inspires me both personally and professionally. I'm honored to work alongside them!"

To learn more about this exciting new partnership, <u>watch a video tour here</u>, and visit Sarah Scharbrough McLaughlin's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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.