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## **Indianapolis Children's Choir to Perform with Alumni Turned Recording Artists**

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INDIANAPOLIS - - The Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) will welcome alums Sarah Scharbrough McLaughlin and Erin Benedict for a special evening of music on Friday, June 28 at the Indianapolis Children's Choir Performing Arts Center. These two accomplished musicians will perform individually and alongside current ICC singers who are preparing to go on tour to Italy this July. Fittingly, the intimate, cabaret-style evening will be centered on the theme "A Night in Rome."

"I'm excited to perform with an organization close to my heart. ICC continues to serve as a ground-breaking artistic movement - involving young musical leaders in excellence and innovation," Scharbrough McLaughlin shares. "It will be so fun to reunite with old friend and colleague, fellow alum Erin Benedict! We are planning a special concert of collaborating and old ICC favorites too."

Scharbrough McLaughlin is a founding member of the ICC and now serves as the ICC's first-ever Artist in Residence. Since her time in the choir, Scharbrough McLaughlin's life and career have 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.

Similarly, Erin Benedict, also an ICC alum, has an impressive career history as a session vocalist for recording studios, singing background vocals for Disney and other films, in addition to touring and providing backup vocals for artists such as The Eagles, Andrea Bocelli and Josh Groban. Benedict now resides in Indianapolis and serves on the choral faculty at University of Indianapolis, and on the jazz faculty at Butler University. She has a jazz album, "Steal Away" and she can be heard on the radio and singing live shows locally, and with regional Symphony Orchestras. You can find her at Hilbert Circle Theater during the holidays as a singer for "The Yuletide Celebration."

"ICC was one of the most important and memorable parts of my childhood. I am grateful to have had this tremendous gift of singing with other young people that care deeply about their art. I owe much my career to ICC for starting me on the right path of healthy singing and creating beautiful music with others," explained Benedict.

Along with Scharbrough McLaughlin and Benedict, this special June performance will feature current ICC singers. The ICC singers who are performing will head to Italy in early July for over a week of sight-seeing and performing across the country, and they'll share some of the pieces they have been perfecting for the occasion.

Tickets for "A Night in Rome" are available at [icchoir.org/event/a-night-in-rome](https://icchoir.org/event/a-night-in-rome) for \$15 each. Children 5 and under are free and require a ticket. Limited tickets are available, and if the performance does not sell out in advance, remaining tickets will be available for purchase at the door. The performance will take place on Friday, June 28 at 6:30 pm at the ICC Performing Arts Center at 9111 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

### **About the Indianapolis Children's Choir**

Heading into its 39th 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](https://icchoir.org) or call 317.940.9640.

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