



Indianapolis Children's Choir
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Indianapolis Children Choir to Present Joint Inspirational Performance

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INDIANAPOLIS - - Over 400 young singers from Central Indiana will come together on May 3, 2025 to share inspiration for a future filled with hope and song. The Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC), and its affiliate choirs, the Anderson Area Children's Choir (AACC) and the Columbus Indiana Children's Choir (CICC), will host a joint concert at the Pike Performing Arts Center that is open to the public. The songs for this major performance were all carefully selected by the choirs' staff to craft a special experience for singers and for the audience.

"The strong theme here is hope and positivity," explains Joshua Pedde, Executive Artistic Director of the ICC. "We chose this uplifting message a long time ago as we planned our season, and it's very fitting now. These singers are the future and to hear them perform songs about just that fact is truly special."

Singers as young as kindergarten will take the stage to perform uplifting songs like the classic "Rainbow Connection," and new tunes like "Now is the Time," a piece written specifically for these young singers by ICC alum Leeann Starkey, who now serves on the ICC staff in many capacities, including Composer in Residence. With lyrics like "We stand side by side, and we'll light up the way / For the power we hold is in voices as one / A chorus of hope, a new day's begun," the song is a favorite of the singers learning it and its impact has already left a mark on them.

"I feel like the song encompasses what they [the choir members] believe their purpose in choir is. They've cried, they really feel it," shares Lauren Southard, Manager of Outreach and Choir Programs at ICC, and director of several of the performing choirs.

Adding to the meaning is the concert's full title, *Christel DeHaan in Harmony: A Beautiful Tomorrow*, which honors DeHaan, the late Indianapolis philanthropist whose influence lives on through generous legacy grants to organizations like the ICC that will make a positive impact on the future. This concert will be an inspirational display of beautiful music from young singers that's not to be missed!

Christel DeHaan in Harmony: A Beautiful Tomorrow

Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 3:00 pm

Pike Performing Arts Center - 6707 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Single advance tickets are \$16 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 one hour prior to the performance.

About the Indianapolis Children's Choir

Now in 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 Executive 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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