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## Indianapolis Children Choir High School Singers to Present Master Works

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INDIANAPOLIS - - What is old becomes new again as the Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) performs the final concert in its 39<sup>th</sup> Concert Season. Singers from the choir's high school division will perform a concert entitled *Dawning* on May 18 at the beautiful St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The sanctuary will be the ideal setting as these talented young people present movements from major works that take historical text and set the words to increasingly modernized musical styles.

"The juxtaposition of genres and texts both old and new was what we really wanted to focus on when putting together this concert," shares Joshua Pedde, Executive Artistic Director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir. "It was an important way for us to end the Sounds of Progress concert season as we look towards the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and shed light on what's to come for us and for these amazing singers."

Singers from ICC's Master Chorale and the Anderson Area Children's Choir Youth Chorale have been working hard on mastering movements from three major pieces. Singers will bring to life the new imaginings of Ola Gjeilo's *Sunrise Mass* and *Gospel Mass* by Robert Ray and will compare them with a classical mass written hundreds of years ago – Vivaldi's *Gloria in D*. Accomplished local choir director and professor Dr. Robert Townsend will serve as guest conductor for the movements from *Gospel Mass*, adding another layer of experience for both singers and the audience.

"Taking on these pieces is something that is typically only done at a college or university level," explains Amy Hughley, director of both ensembles. "This is an opportunity that we are proud to provide these singers in our programs and it's a culmination of hard work, and for many, years of work throughout their time in choir."

This is the end of this concert season, and for some singers, the end of their career in the children's choir as they graduate high school and move on to the next chapter of their lives. In commemoration of this, singers will also present some of their favorite songs to send seniors off on their journey, including the Scottish classic "The Parting Glass."

### ***Dawning***

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 4:00 pm  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 6050 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208

**Single advance tickets are \$16 each and can be purchased online in advance at [icchoir.org/tickets](https://icchoir.org/tickets).** Ages 5 and under can attend for free but require a ticket. If the concert does 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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](https://icchoir.org) or call 317.940.9640.

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