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High School Musicians Perform with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in Free *Side-By-Side* Concert March 12

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will present its 23rd annual Fifth Third Private Bank *Side-By-Side* concert featuring 50 of Indiana's finest high school musicians performing next to their professional counterparts in the Orchestra on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilbert Circle Theatre. Admission is free, but a general admission ticket is required.

The ISO created the *Side-By-Side* program in 1991 to give accomplished high school musicians a chance to experience the intricacies and rigors of the orchestral profession in a hands-on setting. This year's *Side-By-Side* student musicians were selected through a competitive audition process and represent 20 public, private and home schools from communities throughout central Indiana. Since early January, they have attended weekly sessions coached by ISO musicians and rehearsed as a student ensemble under the direction of ISO Assistant Conductor David Glover.

The program always includes challenging works from the classical repertoire to give students the opportunity to learn both standard and unfamiliar pieces they will encounter in their careers. The works this year include Schubert's Symphony No. 8 ("Unfinished"); the final movement of Dvořák's Concerto in B Minor for Cello and Orchestra with guest soloist Gabriel Martins from the Indiana Connections Academy; Mascagni's "Intermezzo" from *Cavalleria rusticana*; and Paul Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber.

Fifth Third Private Bank is the Presenting Sponsor of *Side-By-Side* program.

Side-by-Side Student Musicians:

First Violin

Zoie Hightower, *Concertmaster*

Home Schooled

Sydney Hartwick

Carmel HS

Sophie Young

Bloomington HS North

Hyesoo Chae

Carmel HS

Lisa Kim

Center Grove HS

Hannah Cleaveland

Zionsville Community HS

Second Violin

Hyeyun Chae, *Principal*

Carmel HS

Anastazie Vithova

Lawrence North HS

Clara Brown

Lawrence North HS

Austin Mock

Avon HS

Tommy Foreman

Warren Central HS

Hannah Yi

Indiana Academy for Science and Math

Elio Seni

Lawrence North HS

Viola

Michelle Goloschokin, *Co-Principal*

North Central HS

George Gemelas, *Co-Principal*

Carmel HS

Kayla Giger

Brebeuf Jesuit

Haley Stevenson

Franklin Central HS

Cello

Braden McConnell, *Co-Principal*

Home Schooled

Gabriel Martins, *Co-Principal*

Indiana Connections Academy

Lydia Rhea

Indiana University HS

Rachael Silberstein

Bloomington HS North

Bass

Sharif Ibrahim, *Principal*

Carmel HS

Aleck Belcher

Carmel HS

Joseph Frazee

Brownsburg HS

Sam Bognanno

Carmel HS

Ariya Marr

Warren Central HS

Harp

Katie Kisker, *Principal*

Home Schooled

Flute

Gayatri Balasubramanian, *Principal*

Carmel HS

Gabriella Benko

Bishop Chatard HS

Oboe

Joe Wiegand, *Principal*

Noblesville HS

Kaite Danforth

North Central HS

Clarinet

Joseph Duncan, *Co-Principal*

Perry Meridian HS

Sean Szolek-Van Valkenburgh, *Co-Principal*

North Central HS

Bassoon

Madeline Danforth, *Principal*

North Central HS

Courtney Glait

Carmel HS

Horn

Anita Rodriguez

Hamilton Southeastern HS

Claire Badger

Zionsville Community HS

Kaelen Ackerson

Hamilton Southeastern HS

Rob Shaver

Home Schooled

Trumpet

Alex Shanafelt, *Principal*

Carmel HS

Oscar Robert Ban

Carmel HS

Trombone

Lauren Butz, *Principal*

Fishers HS

Andrew Danforth

North Central HS

Zachary Davidsen

Lawrence North HS

Tuba

Trevor Crowe, *Principal*

Franklin Central HS

Timpani/Percussion

Maddi Shake

Cathedral HS

Eric Swanson

Lawrence North HS

Neil Bassett

North Central HS

Aaron Smith

Lawrence North HS

Thomas Petelka

Gabriel Martins, cello

Gabriel Martins, age 15, began playing the cello at the age of 5, at the Indiana University String Academy, studying with Susan Moses. Gabriel was named the first prize winner at the 2013 International David Popper Cello Competition in Varpalota, Hungary. He was also awarded first prize in the 2010 Musical Arts Youth Orchestra and 2012 New World Youth Orchestra concerto competitions. In 2012, he was chosen as principal cellist of the Indianapolis Symphony *Side-By-Side* Orchestra. Gabriel has played in classes/lessons for artists such as Richard Aaron, Atar Arad, Edward Auer, Joshua Bell, Paul Katz, Alexander Kerr, Ralph Kirshbaum, Csaba Onczay, and members of the Pacifica and Shanghai string quartets. Gabriel is a member of the Indiana University String Academy Virtuosi, which is a group composed of young string players under the direction of Mimi Zweig. With this group, he has performed at Carnegie Zankel Hall, toured over Argentina and Brazil, and performed with artists Gilles Apap, Augustin Hadelich, and Mark Kaplan. Recently, Gabriel premiered a trio for flute, cello, and piano by composer Andreas Apostolou. Gabriel's recent solo performances include a Haydn concerto with the Fukuda Cello Ensemble in São Paulo, Brazil, and a guest recital including works by Benjamin Britten and Alberto Ginastera at the Greencastle Summer Music Festival. Gabriel currently plays on an unmarked 19th century English cello.

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