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**Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's
New Commission for Festival of Carols Concerts**

INDIANAPOLIS—November 17, 2009—The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces the winner of its national “Christmas Carol Competition.” Molly Ijames’ new choral work, “Lullaby Carol,” will be featured at the upcoming *Harris Bank Festival of Carols* performances. The piece was written for choir and piano and is 6 minutes in length.

Saturday, December 5, 8:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Parish in Geist
Sunday, December 6, 3:00 p.m. at Southport Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (Columbus, In.)

Adult tickets start at \$20. Student and special group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.indychoir.org or by calling the Symphonic Choir Box Office: (317) 940-9057. This performance is made possible by Harris Bank.

Molly Ijames says of her composition, “‘Lullaby Carol’ is a piece I will always hold dear because of the powerful picture of love it describes.” Ijames was born in Flint, Michigan, and holds a B.S. in Music Education from Bob Jones University. She currently serves as composer, editor, and product coordinator at SoundForth Music.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir’s “Christmas Carol Competition” was announced in June, 2009. Composers 35 years and younger were encouraged to submit an original piece for consideration. Entries from the United States and Europe were received for consideration. The winning composer receives a world premier performance in December 2009, a cash prize and travel arrangements to be present at the debut performance. This marks the first year of the competition which is expected to be replicated annually.

Festival of Carols is a 90-minute concert of Christmas carols, holiday classics, and family favorites performed by the 150-voice Indianapolis Symphonic Choir.

A frequent artistic partner with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Symphonic Choir is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, administered by a professional staff, and is made up of more than 150 singers. The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization based in Indianapolis and 2009-2010 marks its 73rd season. More information is available at www.indychoir.org or (317) 940-9057.