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**Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Announces
Christmas Carol Competition for Young Composers**

INDIANAPOLIS, IND – May 20, 2010 – The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces its second annual national *Christmas Carol Competition* as part of its commitment to the future of choral music. Submitted works must be original, unpublished, have not been publicly performed, between 3 and 5 minutes long, written for SATB, mixed adult choir, and may be *a cappella* or utilize keyboard accompaniment. Text and language are at the discretion of the composer, and should be suitable for a Christmas/holiday performance.

Last year's winner was a composition entitled *Lullaby Carol* by South Carolina composer Molly Ijames. *Lullaby Carol* has just been released in publication by Beckenhorst Press.

Composers 35 years of age or younger (as of September 6, 2010) who are United States citizens or legal residents may submit one composition via mail with a \$25 entry fee to the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir by September 6, 2010:

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir
Christmas Carol Competition
4600 Sunset Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46208

The winner will be notified by October 11, 2010, and the selected composition will be performed by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir at its annual "Festival of Carols" performances in Indianapolis, Indiana December 4 and 5, 2010. A cash price of \$1,000 and travel for the world premiere will be awarded to the winning composer.

Questions may be emailed to commission@indychoir.org. Compositions submitted electronically will not be accepted; all pieces must be submitted via USPS and received by September 6, 2010. Composers who desire their materials be returned to them must enclose a postage-paid self-addressed envelope.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization based in Indianapolis, and 2010-2011 marks its 74th season. 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, auditioned annually, who perform more than 25 concerts each season reaching in excess of 25,000 persons. Visit www.indychoir.org for more information.