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### **Indianapolis Symphonic Choir to perform Rachmaninoff Vespers**

INDIANAPOLIS – October 12, 2010 – The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir opens its 2010-2011 season with two performances of Rachmaninoff's Vespers. Texts from the Russian Orthodox *All-Night vigil* ceremony paired with Rachmaninoff's inspired musical genius make this masterwork one of Rachmaninoff's finest accomplishments. Vespers will be performed in two locations with particularly appealing acoustics in varied geographic regions of metro Indianapolis.

Saturday, November 6, 2010 8 p.m. St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
Sunday, November 7, 2010 2:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
(Carmel, Ind.)

"This work is a real tour de force for choirs that sing it" states Eric Stark, Artistic Director of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. "Rachmaninoff's lush setting of the expansive text is complemented by the austerity of the intertwining orthodox chant. I believe it to be one of the most profoundly meaningful works the choir has in its repertory."

Adult tickets begin at \$20. Student and group rates are \$15. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.indychoir.org](http://www.indychoir.org) or by calling the Symphonic Choir Box Office: (317) 940-9057. This performance is made possible by Printing Partners.'

Vespers includes two vocal soloists – tenor and alto – who both have ties to universities in Indiana. Asitha Tennekoon is a native of Sri Lanka and is a student at the Indiana University Jacobs School of music. Kirsten Paisley hails from Ohio and is a student in the Jordan College of Fine Arts at Butler University.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization based in Indianapolis, and 2010-2011 marks its 74<sup>th</sup> season. The organization presented a 10-day concert tour through China in June 2010. 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 160 singers, auditioned annually, who perform 25 concerts each season reaching in excess of 25,000 persons. Visit [www.indychoir.org](http://www.indychoir.org) for more information.