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**Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's Festival of Carols
Includes Commission Winner and Traditional Carols**

INDIANAPOLIS – November 4, 2010 – The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir will present three performances of its annual holiday concert *Festival of Carols* on December 4, 5 and 19, 2010. The 70-minute concert is family-friendly and features the 165-voice Choir performing traditional Christmas music as well as the world premiere performance of *Quem Pastores Laudavere*, winning selection for the Choir's international Christmas Carol Commission Competition. Tickets are now available and may be purchased for \$20 and \$25 (adults), and \$15 (students) by visiting www.indychoir.org or calling (317) 940-9057. Tickets may be purchased at the performances as well.

Festival of Carols performance venues and times are as follow:

- Saturday, December 4, 8:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Parish at Geist
- Sunday, December 5, 2:30 p.m. Zionsville United Methodist Church
- Sunday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church (Columbus, Ind.)

Quem Pastores Laudavere was composed by Daniel J. Knaggs, a high school Spanish teacher in Michigan with music degrees from Bowling Green State University and the University of Michigan. The piece was selected from a field of submitted works representing 13 states and France, all written by emerging composers under 35 years of age.

As part of the organization's commitment to music education, the choirs of Fishers High School (December 4 performance) and Zionsville High School (December 5 performance) will perform side-by-side with the Symphonic Choir. *Festival of Carols* also includes the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra Festival Brass Ensemble.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization based in Indianapolis, and 2010-2011 marks its 74th 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 165 singers, auditioned annually, who perform 25 concerts each season reaching in excess of 25,000 persons. Visit www.indychoir.org for more information.