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### **Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Announces Third Annual Christmas Carol Commission Competition**

INDIANAPOLIS – May 20, 2011 – The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces its third annual Christmas Carol Commission 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 Submitted works must be original, unpublished, have not been publicly performed, between 3 and 5 minutes long, written for SATB, mixed adult choir, and may be a cappella or utilize keyboard accompaniment.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 work entitled "Quem Pastores Laudavere," by Michigan composer Daniel Knaggs. The 2009 winning composition, "Lullaby Carol" by South Carolina composer Molly Ijames, was released by Beckenhorst Press to critical and popular acclaim.

Composers 35 years of age or younger (as of September 12, 2011) 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 12, 2011:

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, December 2-4, 2011. A cash prize of \$1,000, travel and lodging for the world premiere will be awarded to the winning composer.

Questions may be e-mailed to [commission@indychoir.org](mailto:commission@indychoir.org). Compositions submitted electronically will not be accepted; all pieces must be submitted via USPS and received by September 12, 2011. Submitted materials will not be returned.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization based in Indianapolis, and 2011/2012 marks its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. A frequent artistic partner with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Symphonic Choir is conducted by Dr. Eric Stark, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, administered by a professional staff, and is comprised of more than 165 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.