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## **BASILE OPERA CENTER ANNOUNCES TWO NEW TENANTS**

Indianapolis – The Basile Opera Center -- the creative center of Mid-town Indy -- welcomes two new tenants to its facility at 4011 N. Pennsylvania Street in the park-like setting of the Meridian Kessler neighborhood.

Motus and Encore Vocal Arts have moved their operations to the Basile Opera Center (BOC). Both will house their offices here as well as use the space for rehearsals, performances and fundraising activities.

According to Motus Artistic Director Heidi Keller Phillips Motus was looking for space for a number of years as their previous Fountain Square location fell into disrepair around them. “We are very excited to be in a creative new space that’s centrally located. Motus is ready to energize the neighborhood, and get Midtown moving. We are thrilled to welcome new people (and maybe some singers!) to our dance and dance fitness classes,” she said. “And with improvements continuing to come on line to the recital hall floor, we are dreaming of the day when we can hold performances there. In the meantime, we will appear at various venues across the city.” For information about classes, visit [www.MotusDance.com](http://www.MotusDance.com).

Tom McTamney, Executive Director, Encore Vocal Arts described the move as welcome on a number of levels. “As Encore has not had a permanent residence for many years, our assets were spread across the community. Our new home in the Basile allows us to have everything in one place where we rehearse. We’re also excited about performing one of our season concerts there as well. Although we continue to perform in other venues around town, it’s nice that we now have a home base,” he said. McTamney also said the group planned to resurrect the concept of an annual fundraising event and would hold it the Basile as well.

“The Frank and Katrina Basile Opera Center is an innovative collaborative space. With Motus Dance and Encore Vocal Arts we have two new partners with whom we can share inspiration and creative ideas. While we each will benefit it is the Indianapolis community that gains the most through this collaborative exchange,” said Kevin Patterson, General Director of Indianapolis Opera.

### ***About the Basile Opera Center***

The Basile Opera Center serves three resident companies: Indianapolis Opera, MOTUS, and Encore Vocal Arts. Additional office space is available for lease.

In addition, the BOC is an ideal setting for weddings, parties and corporate events and meetings; the facility has both indoor and outdoor meeting and event spaces, as well as ample onsite and street parking.

The Recital Hall can seat up to 250 individuals in a permanent setting and includes a balcony suitable

for small musical ensembles and photography. Adjacent to the Recital Hall is a 1600 square foot Reception Room that includes a small finishing kitchen. The Recital Hall is a popular venue for non-sectarian weddings and corporate meetings.

The 5200 square foot, free span Great Room can accommodate 30 or more round tables, depending on layout of food service and dance floor. Adjacent to the Great Room is a 1000 square foot catering kitchen. The Great Room is often used for large parties and wedding receptions.

Outdoor space includes a 2000 square foot walled Terrace, adjacent to the Great Room and also provides access to the 2600 square foot, walled courtyard, adjacent to the Recital Hall.

The Basile Opera Center offers ample and flexible space for indoor, outdoor or combined events. Or, plan an outdoor event and know that you have an indoor backup plan.