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## **Indianapolis Opera & Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra Present Collaborative Concert**

(Indianapolis, IN) - Indianapolis Opera and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra are joining forces to present Crescendo at White River State Park, a free concert to begin the summer on Friday, May 22, 2015, 7:30 PM. The concert will feature music ranging from opera's greatest hits, Broadway standards, orchestral gems, and tunes from the American Songbook. Audience members will have several opportunities also to participate in the concert, including a chance to conduct the orchestra that evening.

"IO and ICO wanted to work on a project together that showcases the collective talents and kicks off the Indiana summer with a fun, family party," said Kevin Patterson, General Director of Indianapolis Opera. "It is our intention to make this an annual event that the community embraces."

The concert will be conducted by the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra retiring music director Kirk Trevor, and will feature a quartet of artists along with the Indianapolis Opera chorus. Katrina Thurman, Barbara Le May, Scott Ramsay, and Galen Bowers are the featured soloists. Angela Buchman from WTHR will emcee the evening.

"We are so excited for this opportunity to bring music to the people of Indianapolis," says ICO Board President T. J. McGovern. "It's a wonderful thing to be able to make music accessible and open to everyone."

For more information about Crescendo at White River State Park go to [IndyOpera.org](http://IndyOpera.org) or [icomusic.org](http://icomusic.org).

## **About Indianapolis Opera**

Since 1975 Indianapolis Opera has delivered the passion, excitement and art of the opera throughout Indiana with compelling educational, cultural and community activities. Annually the Indianapolis Opera Ensemble program reaches 30,000 children and adults statewide with performances also in Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky. In 2014 the company embraced an intensive organizational assessment process to examine its business operations, gather audience feedback and understand community needs in a changing environment.

## **About Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra**

The Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra advances and promotes music composed for the small orchestra through professional concert performances and education programs. Filling a much-needed role in the community, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra also provides accompaniment to many area arts and educational organizations. The ICO offers a variety of educational programs, including the FUNtastic Classics series and the In-School Residency program. The FUNtastic Classics series introduces elementary school children to the instrument groups of the orchestra and the concept of communicating ideas through music. The In-School Residency program brings ICO musicians into school classrooms to assist music teachers and give students the opportunity to learn from and play with professional musicians. Tune in to WFYI, 90.1 on Monday evenings to hear the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra Broadcast featuring excerpts of live ICO concerts. For more information about our season, visit [icomusic.org](http://icomusic.org) or at [facebook.com/IndianapolisChamberOrchestra](https://facebook.com/IndianapolisChamberOrchestra).

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