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CHIMES OF CHRISTMAS RETURNS TO IU AUDITORIUM DECEMBER 3 FEATURING THE SINGING HOOSIERS, SANTA, AND MORE.

WHAT: Chime of Christmas

WHEN: Saturday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: \$13–\$18 for IU Bloomington students with a valid student ID or children and \$18–\$23 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – *Chimes of Christmas*, the most anticipated holiday event of the season, returns to IU Auditorium Saturday, December 3. Led by IU Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble the Singing Hoosiers, the two family-friendly performances are at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The seasonal spectacular *Chimes of Christmas* has become a staple to celebrate the holiday season in Bloomington since the early 1950s. Featuring performances by Jacobs School of Music ensembles, the Singing Hoosiers, and more, the groups combine to make a dazzling show that has delivered true holiday magic to audiences for generations. Over the past few seasons, *Chimes of Christmas* has been catapulted into the 21st century with a fresh new look, innovative repertoire, and cheerful energy.

Chimes this season will bring an updated sound and spirit, and will feature a new assortment of university and community ensembles and artists. Heading up the lineup is IU's own Singing Hoosiers, lauded as one of the foremost collegiate modern vocal ensembles in the country. The ensemble averages 95 student singers and instrumentalists from the IU Jacobs School of Music and the university community. The group performs at a wide variety of events on the IU campus and has even performed worldwide—making appearances with entertainers such as Bob Hope and Tony Bennett.

This season's *Chimes* will also feature Duane Shields Davis, the Singing Hoosiers Band & Horns, Syncopation and Amplitude from BEAT, the IU Vocal Jazz Ensembles, Jeff Nelsen and the IU Jacobs

School of Music Horn Choir, Bedford-North Lawrence High School Choir, the Westlane Choir Program, Carl Lenthe and the IU Trombone Choir, as well as a special appearance by Santa.

“Year after year, Bloomington audiences come to *Chimes of Christmas* to start off their holiday season,” said Doug Booher, Director of IU Auditorium. “Led by the Singing Hoosiers, *Chimes* is always full of incredible performances by our favorite Jacobs School of Music ensembles. It’s the perfect event to get the whole family in the festive spirit.”

This year, *Chimes* will also be part of IU Auditorium’s Give The Magic campaign, where funds collected through IU Auditorium’s Circle of Friends go towards providing event tickets to underserved children in our community. Visit www.iuauditorium.com/get-involved/give-the-magic to learn more.

In conjunction with this event, IU Auditorium is also partnering with Toys for Tots to collect toys for young Hoosiers in need. Starting November 28, persons wishing to donate can bring their new, unwrapped toys to the Auditorium Box Office Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., or on the day of *Chimes*, Saturday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information on *Chimes of Christmas* and the rest of the 2016–2017 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season’s performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

Chimes of Christmas at IU Auditorium is presented with the support of show partner Indiana University Alumni Association. IU Auditorium’s 2016–2017 season is presented by Curry Auto Center, B97, *The Herald-Times*, IU Division of Residential Programs and Services, and French Lick Resort.

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