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CHIMES OF CHRISTMAS TO DECK THE HALLS OF IU AUDITORIUM DECEMBER 2

IU Auditorium, B97/WHCC Partnering for Holiday Toy Drive for Christmas for the Kids, Inc. Nov. 27–Dec. 8

WHAT: Chimes of Christmas
WHEN: December 2, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: \$10–\$20 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$15–\$30 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, 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* returns to IU Auditorium Saturday, December 2 to kick off the holiday season. Led by IU Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble the Singing Hoosiers, the two family-friendly performances are at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A favored tradition among Bloomington audiences, *Chimes of Christmas* has been a staple of the holiday season since the early 1950s. The concert features performances by Jacobs School of Music ensembles, the Singing Hoosiers, and more. The groups combine to create a show filled with traditional favorites mixed with contemporary pieces that will bring cheer to audiences of all ages.

IU's Singing Hoosiers are celebrated as one of the top collegiate modern vocal ensembles in the country. The ensemble, under first year director Dr. Chris Albanese, consists of singers and instrumentalists from the IU Jacobs School of Music and the greater 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.

"We know it's the official start to the holiday season when the Singing Hoosiers take the stage for *Chimes of Christmas*," said Doug Booher, Executive Director of IU Auditorium. "We're grateful for the immense joy this event brings each year. We are excited to see what the Hoosiers and special guests have in store for us this year."

Holiday Toy Drive

In conjunction with this event, IU Auditorium, B97, and WHCC will be partnering with Christmas for Kids, Inc. to collect toys for young Hoosiers in Monroe Country. Starting Monday, November 27, those wishing to donate can bring new, unwrapped toys to the Auditorium Box Office Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., or on the performance day of *Chimes of Christmas*. B97 and WHCC will also be accepting toy donations at their station located at 304 South State Road 46 on the east side of Bloomington. Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 8.

For more information on *Chimes of Christmas* and the rest of the 2017–2018 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 in partnership with Oliver Winery & Vineyards. IU Auditorium's 2017–2018 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald-Times*, Cook Medical, and IU Division of Residential Program and Services.

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