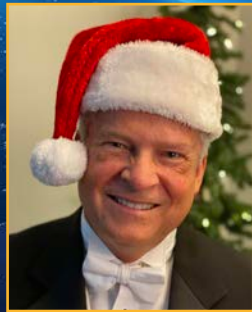


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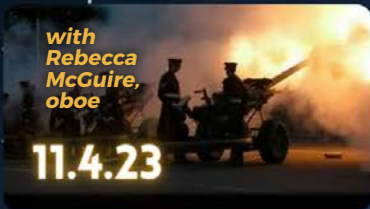


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## A LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Welcome to our "Symphony Christmas!" We look forward to sharing this wonderful evening with you as we come together to celebrate this special time of the year. What better way to kick off this season and holiday spirit than with a concert featuring the extraordinary talents of the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra!

It's an honor to host the amazing **Angela Brown** as our guest artist. We are also thrilled to have so many **band students** from around the state attending this concert and hearing one of the finest orchestras in the Midwest. A Terre Haute Symphony's performance is rapidly gaining the reputation as "THE place to be on concert nights!"



We are so grateful to have the leadership of our artistic director, **Dr. David Bowden** as he continues to provide us with exceptional musicians and programs of excellence. Our executive director, **Dr. Samantha Johnson-Helms** has been invaluable in promoting the orchestra and expanding its exposure throughout the Wabash Valley.

So, grab your favorite holiday sweater, bring your loved ones, and get ready to sing along as you enjoy some traditional favorites as well as some pieces that may be new to you. After the concert, with the Christmas melodies still resonating in your mind, **take a drive to Deming Park** to see "A Symphony of Lights" display presented by the THSO's Symphony League. We are so appreciative of their continued support for our organization.

Wishing you all the best for the holidays and a harmonious New Year!



David Bowden has served as Artistic Director & Conductor of the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra since 1997. During his years

of leadership, the THSO has seen significant growth artistically and continues to provide exciting accessible concerts. David's charismatic energy and special gift of bringing music to life result in performances that have unusual spirit, dramatic power and vitality.

Born and raised in North Carolina, David has loved music since he was a very young child. He grew up listening to his mother teaching piano lessons in their home. At the age of four, he talked her into teaching him piano. In addition to the piano, he has played clarinet, oboe, percussion, and organ.

David enjoys performing a wide variety of repertoire – from opera to symphonic standards to pops and country music. He especially enjoys educational concerts for schools, hoping to inspire children to choose to learn to play an instrument, believing that *making music changes lives*.

Majoring in piano performance with a minor in organ at Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, David has a particular love for orchestral music that features piano and organ. Recordings of his concerts have been broadcast nationwide on American Public Media's *Performance Today* and *Pipedreams* as well as NPR's *With Heart & Voice*. His commercial recording of Marcel Dupré's *Complete Music for Organ and Orchestra* (Naxos) received rave international reviews. He has also received five ASCAP awards for programming.

While a student at Wheaton, David met his wife, Donna, a registered nurse, during an intramural volleyball game. Graduate school took them to Bloomington, where David received his M.M. in Choral Conducting at Indiana University. After teaching in the college setting, David returned to IU and earned a Doctor of Music in Orchestral Conducting.

After serving for 35 years as the Founding Artistic Director and Conductor of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and the Philharmonic Chorus, he recently retired from those positions and has been named Conductor Laureate of the Philharmonic. He also served as Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra from 1999 to 2016.

He is a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda National Music Honor Society and has been listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in the World* for the past two decades. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Conductors Guild, a global service and music advocacy organization for conductors. He also served as Director of the Guild's *New Music Project* for almost two decades.

David is a proud recipient of the prestigious *Sagamore of the Wabash* award presented by the Governor of Indiana.

David loves basketball, football, and tennis and enjoys reading and spending time with his family, including his 5 grandchildren.



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## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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I am also excited to welcome our new **Concertmaster, Erina Buchholz**, to the orchestra!

I'm looking forward to another great season of music-making with my world-class colleagues. I'm **consistently amazed** at the **talent** we have **right here in Terre Haute**, and I always look forward to each performance with these amazing musicians.

This year we continue our partnerships with the **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** to provide **Tour of the Orchestra** presentations throughout the season, **Westminster Village** for our **Symphony Sundays** chamber music series, and **The LAB** in the Ryves neighborhood to bring free concerts to the community. We are also looking forward to **expanding** our **Adventure Concert programs** for elementary school children with school tours and an additional concert! Plus, don't miss our **THSO Presents!** concerts this season with Brazilian trio **Choro Das 3** at **Hatfield Hall**, **Mozart & Mixology** at **Terre Haute Brewing Company**, and **String Spring Fling** at **Hatfield Hall** featuring our amazing string section.

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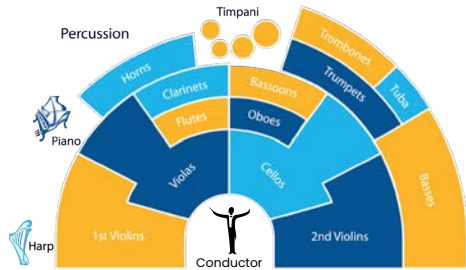
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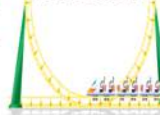
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She has graced the leading opera and symphonic stages on six continents including Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center, National Opera of Paris, Vienna State Opera, Capetown (South Africa) Opera, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Edmonton Opera, Calgary Philharmonic, Shanghai World Expo, Moscow Performing Arts Center, The Metropolitan Opera, Bilbao Opera, Teatro La Fenice, Hamburg Opera, Opera Philadelphia, Cincinnati Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, and more. She has been presented in solo recital throughout the United States, Canada, Spain, New Zealand, China, and Africa.

She is a featured artist on the two-time Grammy Award® winning recording "Ask Your Mama" and the voice of contemporary African American opera roles of Addie Parker (Charlie Parker's Yardbird) and Cilla (Margaret Garner) as well as the time-honored roles of Tosca, Aida, Amelia (Un ballo in Maschera), Elisabetta (Don Carlo), and Leonora (Il Trovatore).

Angela's highly successful Metropolitan Opera debut in the title role of Aida captured instant attention from international print and broadcast media and catapulted Angela onto the world's prestigious stages. Headlines from The New York Times read: "At last an Aida," and CBS Weekend News proclaimed: "the future of opera has arrived!" followed by features on the front page of The New York Times, on CNN, in Oprah Magazine, Essence Magazine, Ebony Magazine, Classical Singer, Reader's Digest, and Psychology Today.

Angela is the founder of Morning Brown, Inc., her nonprofit dedicated to bringing cultural experiences and awareness to historically excluded communities and audiences. The success of her signature show, Opera...from a Sistah's Point of View©1997 provided the momentum and cornerstone for an array of outreach

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A 1997 National Metropolitan Opera Council Auditions Winner, Ms. Brown received her Bachelor of Music degree in voice from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, where she studied with Ginger Beazley. She attended the Indiana University School of Music as a student in the studio of Virginia Zeani. Ms. Brown received the Indiana University African American Arts Institute's inaugural Herman C. Hudson Alumni Award in 2006, given annually to recognize outstanding contributions made in the arts by former members of the Institute.

Ms. Brown is featured in "Nineteen Stars of Indiana," a book by Michael S. Maurer about nineteen, living Hoosier women with successful and inspirational life stories, released by Indiana University Press in December 2008. Angela is a proud recipient of the Indiana University Distinguished Alumni Service Award, the Governor's Arts Award from the Governor of Indiana, a Spirit of the Prairie Award from Conner Prairie in Indiana, and a member of the Indianapolis Public Schools Hall of Fame. The Carmichael Hotel in Carmel, Indiana, named the Angela Brown Dining Room in her honor and she is an honorary member of Sigma Alpha Iota national music fraternity. More information at [angelambrown.com](http://angelambrown.com).



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And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.  
He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

### **IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold.  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.



# Sing-Along

## A CAROL FESTIVAL

### **HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark, the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

### **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
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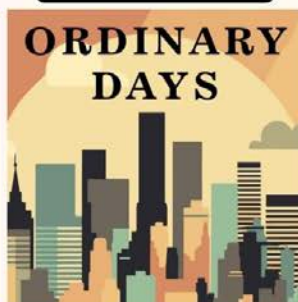
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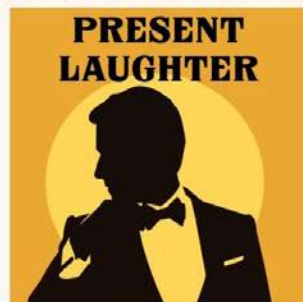
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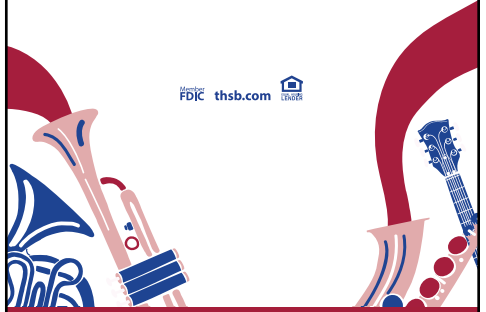


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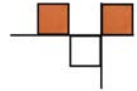


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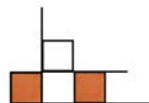
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