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Opening Ceremonies tickets for 12th Quadrennial Indianapolis Violin Competition now on sale

*Special performance by Indianapolis favorite **Time for Three**
highlights celebration ahead of 17 days of competition*

INDIANAPOLIS – The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, nicknamed the “Olympics of the Violin,” is pleased to announce that tickets to its **Opening Ceremonies** are now on sale. The event begins at 6:30 PM Thursday, September 17 at The Amphitheater at Newfields, and the Indianapolis community is invited to join the festivities. Doors open at 5:30 PM.

A competition tradition, Opening Ceremonies commence the competition by bringing together the 40 violinists representing 10 countries in a celebration of grandeur and pageantry. Patrons will be introduced to all violinists who will compete for the gold medal, and will witness a parade of nations, which formally welcomes each participant to Indianapolis and sets an atmosphere of hospitality and celebration for the 17 days ahead.

Two types of tickets are available for purchase:

Concert Patrons may purchase a ticket and sit on one of the terrace levels. At the conclusion of the ceremony, patrons will remain and be treated to a full concert by the Grammy- and Emmy-winning ensemble and Indy favorite **Time for Three** (TF3). Featuring violinists Nick Kendall and Charles Yang alongside bassist Ranaan Meyer, the trio defies convention by merging classical, Americana and singer-songwriter traditions into a singular, remarkable sound that captivates audiences worldwide.

Dinner Patrons will begin the evening with a cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 PM. Following the ceremonies, they will enjoy an exquisite multi-course meal in Deer Pavilion. Tickets begin at \$175 for individuals, and \$1,750 for a table of ten.

The evening will conclude in The Amphitheatre with a surprise grand finale for all.

Title Sponsor for Opening Ceremonies is Lilly Endowment Inc.

To learn more about the 12th Quadrennial Competition and to purchase tickets, visit www.violin.org/competition.

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The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) recognizes, rewards and promotes the world’s finest young classical violinists and encourages understanding, appreciation and support of the violin repertoire by a large and diverse audience. The IVCI utilizes its world prominence to bring international attention to Indianapolis and maintains its efforts to be a visible and collaborative member of the arts communities in Indianapolis and Indiana.

For information about the IVCI, visit www.violin.org.

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