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Boise Phil Charts New Territory By Expanding Music and Education Outreach To Local Prison

BOISE, ID—The Boise Philharmonic is charting new territory next month by playing its first-ever performance at the Idaho State Corrections Institution (ISCI) in Kuna on the evening of May 8, 2018.

The Boise Phil String Quartet will play an hour of classical music inside the ISCI facility for approximately 500 inmates. This event marks a pivotal time for the Boise Phil as it furthers its outreach efforts to include bringing live classical music to incarcerated citizens of our state who would not otherwise have access to our orchestra.

Boise Phil Music Director Eric Garcia and Boise Phil Education Manager Lauren Folkner facilitated this new engagement with the Idaho State Correctional Institution, with plans to bring more opportunities in the future that will reach more of the inmates at ISCI, a 1,446-bed, medium-security men's prison south of Boise, and other correctional facilities and detention centers in our area.

Music Director Garcia said, "We are grateful for this opportunity to bring music to all members of our community. We truly feel that the Boise Philharmonic is not just a symphony orchestra but also an educational institution and an institution of social service."

The Boise Phil String Quartet musicians are Chia-Li Ho on violin, Geoffrey Hill on violin, Lindsay Bohl on viola, and Ned Johnson on cello. The musicians will play Haydn's "Sunrise" Quartet, Op. 76, No. 4 and additional selections from the repertoire. Each artist will share insights about the selections with the audience during the informal performance.

Violist Bohl said, "Playing at ISCI is a new experience for us and unlike anything we have done before. I think we are all unsure of what to expect but we do believe it's important to reach as many people in our community as possible. We hope that our concert at ISCI makes an impact on people who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to hear live classical music."

No media will be allowed during this performance. Photographs of the performance might be made available after the engagement, depending on ISCI policy.

For further information, please reach out to the Boise Phil prior to or after the May 8th performance.

The Boise Philharmonic Association is Idaho's largest and oldest 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization. The mission of the Boise Philharmonic Association is to musically enrich, entertain and educate through community engagement and music performance at the highest level.

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