



## **ISO Celebrates the Life and Legacy of Maestro Raymond Leppard**

*Public memorial – featuring music and memories of the Conductor Laureate – takes place January 13*

(January 6, 2020) – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, along with Raymond Leppard’s husband Dr. John Bloom, invites the community to join in a celebration of the life of the orchestra’s influential maestro. The musical tribute and memorial event, held at the Hilbert Circle Theatre, begins at 5 p.m. Monday, January 13.

Maestro Leppard died on October 22, 2019, at 92 years of age. The long-time artistic leader was Music Director for the ISO from 1987 to 2001, and was then named Conductor Laureate. The bond between Maestro Leppard and the Indianapolis community was so strong, the British native made Indianapolis his permanent home and became a U.S. citizen in 2003.

In addition to his term as Music Director of the ISO and long-standing association with the English Chamber Orchestra, Raymond Leppard conducted many other major orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Pittsburgh Symphony, Israel Philharmonic, and the BBC Symphony. Raymond was well-known for reviving the baroque operas of composers including Cavalli and Monteverdi – influencing a rejuvenated interest in the genre.

Many friends and colleagues of Raymond will gather Monday to share remembrances of the beloved maestro. Musical tributes will be presented by a variety of colleagues, including:

- Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
- Indianapolis Symphonic Choir
- ISO Music Director Krzysztof Urbanski
- ISO Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly
- University of Indianapolis Faculty Richard Ratliff, piano; Joana Genova, violin; and Austin Huntington, cello

The celebration of Raymond’s life and musical legacy is free and open to the public. The Hilbert Circle Theatre doors open at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, with the program beginning at 5 p.m.

Raymond’s husband and family have requested that donations be made to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in Raymond’s honor.

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