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Press Release

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Fishers Music Society presents the Fishers Chamber Players in their second concert of the season. Featured will be the classic Christmas opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. *Amahl and the Night Visitors* will be performed at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 2007 under the direction of Artistic Director Michael Vaughn and Stage Director Mario Cuomo. The concert will take place at the PROMiSE Church, 12648 E. 116th Street, Fishers, IN.

Amahl and the Night Visitors is a one act opera commissioned by NBC in 1951 for television. Gian Carlo Menotti wrote the libretto and score. Amahl, a disabled boy, lives with his mother, a widow. One night, they are visited by three kings on their way to give gifts to a wondrous child. The story unfolds, and a miracle takes place. A beautiful and moving Christmas story, the program is suitable for audiences of all ages, and will be about 45 minutes in length.

Playing the title role of Amahl will be young Tarik Abdou, of Fishers. Abdou performed the boy soprano solo in the Chichester Psalms with the Indianapolis Symphony in May 2007. In addition, he performed the boy soprano solo in "Elijah" with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and the Indpls Symphonic Choir in June 2007. A member of the Indianapolis Children's Choir and New World Youth Orchestras, Tarik attends the Orchard School. "Tarik has an absolutely amazing voice, and has real star quality," commented stage director, Mario Cuomo. Playing his mother will be another Fishers singer, Julie Rhea. Rhea was featured as a soprano soloist with the Fishers Chamber Players in their premiere season. She is a soloist at North United Methodist and has sung for the Indianapolis Opera chorus.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and children 0-18 are free with a paying adult, but must have a free ticket to guarantee a seat. Tickets can be obtained by contacting the Fishers Music Society office at 598-1755 or online at www.FishersMusic.org. Child care will be available for toilet trained children ages 3-10 for a fee of \$3 per child or \$7 per family, but space is limited. Child care arrangements must be made at least three days in advance by calling 598-1755.

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