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Indianapolis Symphony Announces Romantic Italian-Themed Valentine's Weekend Special Event Titled *That's Amore* February 11; Tickets Go On Sale January 3

Program features popular light classical works, the music of Frank Sinatra and other pop standards performed by versatile vocal trio Poperazzi

Special package features pre-concert Dinner at the Symphony gourmet dinners, two concert tickets and chocolates for \$140 per couple

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announced that it will host a romantic Valentine's weekend special event that will feature popular Italian-themed pop standards by Frank Sinatra and other famous Italian-Americans plus light classical favorites in a concert titled *That's Amore* on Saturday, February 11, at 8 p.m. at the Hilbert Circle Theatre. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, January 3, at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office.

The program, conducted by Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Principal Pops Conductor Michael Krajewski, will feature the ISO debut of the versatile vocal trio Poperazzi, an ensemble that crosses many musical genres, from opera to rock to American pop standards to classical, who will perform songs that celebrate the music of Italy and hits popularized by Italian-Americans, including tributes to Luciano Pavarotti and Frank Sinatra, as well as other familiar pieces from the worlds of classical and opera. The Orchestra also will present popular light classical works that reflect the program's romantic Italian theme.

Ticket prices range from \$35-\$76 each and may be ordered by calling the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300, in person, or online by visiting www.IndianapolisSymphony.org. To order by telephone outside of Indianapolis, call toll free (800) 366-8457.

A special package for couples that features reservations for two for a sumptuous pre-concert *Dinner at the Symphony* gourmet dinner in the Wood Room overlooking Monument Circle, two main floor concert seats and savory chocolates may be purchased for \$140 per couple by calling the ISO's "Cupid Hotline" at (317) 639-4300. Seating for this package is limited and will be subject to the availability of dinner reservations.

Artist Biographies:

Noted pops conductor **Michael Krajewski** currently serves as Principal Pops Conductor of the Houston and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestras, and he was recently appointed to a similar post with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra – the first to hold such a position in Atlanta. His guest conducting engagements have included appearances with the Boston Pops, Cincinnati Pops and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and the San Francisco, Dallas, Baltimore, Detroit and National Symphony Orchestras. He has recorded two holiday albums with the Houston Symphony Orchestra and he has collaborated on programs with Sir James Galway, Marilyn Horne, guitarist Angel Romero and pop artists such as Roberta Flack, Judy Collins, Art Garfunkel, Doc Severinsen, Patti Austin, Sandi Patty, Pink Martini, and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, among others.

Popperazzi is a new dynamic vocal trio that recently burst onto the symphonic pops scene and has received critical acclaim for its diverse vocal prowess that crosses many musical genres, from opera to rock to American pop standards to classical. Tenors George DeMott and Cody Shawn Gay and soprano Janien Valentine comprise this trio, which exhibits a unique musical style and energetic stage presence that is groundbreaking in its originality in the pop-opera genre for which they are known. The ensemble has performed in opera house and concert halls throughout North America and Europe and has been featured in major shows in Las Vegas. Their repertoire features a variety of musical styles that celebrate the music of Italy and songs popularized by Italian-Americans and they have performed with the Naples Philharmonic as well as the Houston, Edmonton Jacksonville, Atlanta and Detroit symphony orchestras.

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