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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Performs *Rocky Mountain High: A Tribute to John Denver* in Printing Partners *Pops Series* Concerts March 9-11

Program features noted Denver interpreter Jim Curry

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra welcomes guest conductor Richard Kaufman and noted John Denver interpreter Jim Curry, who will perform the hits by the legendary folk and pop artist in a program titled *Rocky Mountain High: A Tribute to John Denver* in Printing Partners *Pops Series* concerts Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at the Hilbert Circle Theatre and Sunday, March 11, at The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

This program showcasing John Denver's hits from the late 1960s and 1970s will include many timeless favorites such as "Rocky Mountain High," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Thank God I'm a Country Boy," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," "Annie's Song," "Wild Montana Skies" and "Take Me Home, Country Roads," among others. These pop favorites are accented with orchestral arrangements by Grammy Award-winning composer and arranger Lee Holdridge, who collaborated with Denver to arrange orchestral elements to some of his music and now has expanded the arrangements for full symphonic performance.

Tickets for the Hilbert Circle Theatre concerts on Friday at 11 a.m. range from \$26-\$48 each, with Friday and Saturday evening tickets from \$20-\$76. Tickets to the Sunday 7:30 p.m. concert at The Palladium range from \$30-\$85 for adults with \$20 student tickets available. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday shows may be ordered by calling the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300, or online at www.IndianapolisSymphony.org. To purchase Sunday evening tickets, call the Center for the Performing Arts Box Office at (317) 843-3800, or order online at www.TheCenterForThePerformingArts.com

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Artist Biographies

Richard Kaufman has devoted much of his career to conducting in concert halls and recordings and supervising music for films and television productions. Currently he serves as Principal Pops Conductor for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the Pacific Symphony Orchestra. In films and television, he worked for 18 years as Music Supervisor for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios and received Emmy nominations for the animated series *The Pink Panther* and *All Dogs Go to Heaven*. Onstage, he has collaborated with John Denver, The Carpenters, Burt Bacharach, Neil Sedaka, Neil Diamond, Chris Botti, The Pointer Sisters, Ray Charles and the Beach Boys, among others. Among his recordings is *Symphonic Hollywood*, for which he received a 1983 Grammy Award.

Noted John Denver interpreter **Jim Curry** has performed his full-length John Denver tribute concerts to sold-out audiences in Las Vegas at the Silverton Hotel and Casino. He also tours versions of his show to performing arts centers, amphitheaters and casinos across the U.S. and Canada, often performing with members of John Denver's band, and he is one of the top performers on the Holland America Cruise Line. With a natural singing voice that closely resembles that of the legendary pop artist, Curry launched his

unique career following Denver's death when CBS Television produced a made-for-TV movie, *Take Me Home, The John Denver Story*, in which Jim performed an off-camera role of singing the popular songs as the voice of John Denver.

In Brief:

Noted John Denver interpreter Jim Curry and guest conductor Richard Kaufman join the ISO to perform many hits by the legendary folk and pop artist from the late 1960s and 1970s in a program titled *Rocky Mountain High: A Tribute to John Denver*.

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Richard Kaufman

Soloist: Jim Curry, Guitar & Vocals

Locations: Hilbert Circle Theatre (Fri. & Sat.); The Palladium (Sun.)

Dates & Times: Fri., Mar. 9, 11 a.m. & 8 p.m.; Sat., Mar. 10, at 8 p.m.; Sun., Mar. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Repertoire:

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The Palladium – (317) 843-3800; on line at www.thecenterfortheperformingarts.com

Hilbert Circle Theatre - (317) 639-4300; Toll Free (800) 366-8457; online at

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