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## **Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Announces 2012 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Season June 16-Sept. 2**

*10-ticket value packs, full season table subscriptions and group reservations on sale March 19; single tickets and single reserved tables go on sale April 23*

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announced today its 31<sup>st</sup> season of summertime Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Series featuring a broad mix of classical and pops symphonic music, the debuts of folk music icon Don McLean, award-winning country music band Diamond Rio and legendary Motown group The Contours plus the return of popular bands and ensembles.

From June 16 through September 2, the ISO will present 28 concerts over the course of 12 weekends at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater in Fishers, Indiana. Highlights include the opening performance featuring Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* by 2006 APA Max I Allen Fellow Stephen Beus; the debut of legendary folk singer and songwriter Don McLean; and in perfect timing with the 2012 Summer Olympics, the program *Heroes & Victors – Music from Sports Greatest Films*.

In addition, the Indianapolis Symphony is honoring Indianapolis' international sister cities by performing classical works from those regions, and the ISO's string section will take center stage for Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*. The ISO pays tribute to the music of the Bee Gees with *Disco Night at the Prairie* and the Broadway showstoppers from hit musicals with the *Best of Broadway* weekend.

Returning favorites to the Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* lineup include *The Music of Queen*, *The Classical Mystery Tour* Beatles tribute, jazz swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra.

### **2012 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Schedule:**

June 16: *Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue*

Guest conductor Ryan McAdams will open the 2012 summer season with classical favorites such as Elgar's *Enigma Variations* and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* featuring Stephen Beus, the winner of the 2006 American Pianists Association Max I Allen Fellowship.

June 22-23: *Heroes & Victors – Music from Sports Greatest Films*

Conducted by Alfred Savia, *Heroes & Victors* features the clips from classic sports films such as *Chariots of Fire*, *Breaking Away* and *Hoosiers* shown on large video walls near the stage as the ISO plays excerpts from the scores.

June 29-30: *The Music of Queen*

Conductor Brent Havens and his tribute band join the Orchestra to perform the many hits by legendary 1970s and 1980s rock band Queen.

July 2-4: *Star-Spangled Symphony*

The ISO celebrates Independence Day with three concerts featuring many patriotic favorites including the *1812 Overture* with live artillery accompaniment and *Stars and Stripes Forever* with a spectacular firework display. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.

July 6-7: *Disco Night at the Prairie – A Tribute to the Bee Gees*

Tribute band *Stayin' Alive* joins the ISO in a Disco-style program highlighted by the many hits from The Bee Gees.

July 13-14: *The ISO Goes Global – The Music of our Sister Cities*

ISO Assistant Conductor David Glover takes patrons on a world tour of celebrated classical works representing Indianapolis' sister cities in Germany, Italy, and China, among others. Guest violinist Stefan Jackiw also pays homage to Indy's sister city of Cologne with Bruch's glorious *Scottish Fantasy*.

July 20-21: *The Best of Broadway*

Noted pops conductor Stuart Chafetz and a talented cast of New York City's best vocalists put the hits of Broadway's greatest musicals on center stage.

July 27-28: *The Glenn Miller Orchestra with the ISO*

The renowned Glenn Miller Orchestra and band leader Nick Hilscher return to the Conner Prairie Amphitheater and join the ISO in performing the ensemble's most recognizable works such as *Moonlight Serenade* and *In the Mood*.

August 3-4: *An Evening with Don McLean*

Legendary folk singer and songwriter Don McLean joins the ISO's string section in an evening of his enduring hits such as "American Pie" and "Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)".

August 10-11: *Vivaldi's The Four Seasons*

The ISO's string players will be this weekend's star performers as they bring classical favorites – such as Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* – to the stage, led by 2002 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis Gold Medalist Barnabás Kelemen.

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\*August 17-18: *Classical Mystery Tour – A Tribute to the Beatles*

For a fifth consecutive summer season, the members of the Broadway cast of *Beatlemania* will perform many Beatles hits such as *Hard Day's Night*, *Twist and Shout*, *Yellow Submarine* and *Here Comes The Sun* in an authentic tribute to Liverpool's "Fab Four."

\*August 24-25: *Diamond Rio*

Four-time Country Music Award-winning band Diamond Rio will showcase its inventive country style and superb vocal artistry by performing many hits such as "Meet in the Middle," "How Your Love Makes Me Feel," and "Love a Little Stronger" in its *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* debut.

\*August 30-31: *The Contours – 50 Years of Motown!*

The legendary Motown vocal quartet The Contours will perform many of its enduring favorites such as "Do You Love Me," "Can You Do It" and "Can You Jerk Like Me" in their first-ever appearances at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

\*September 1-2 – *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy*

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy returns to bring its blend of jazz, swing, Dixieland and Big Band music to close the *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* season.

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\* *The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra does not perform in these concerts*

Marsh Supermarkets is the Title Sponsor of the entire 2012 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* season and St. Vincent Health is the Premiere Sponsor for the summer series.

**Value Packs & Table Subscriptions On Sale Beginning March 19**

From March 19 through May 4, patrons can purchase Value Packs (10 concert tickets) for \$155, which is a savings of 40 percent off of single ticket prices. From May 5-June 16, Value Packs are \$180. Season table subscriptions may be purchased (seating up to 10) for \$479 for 14 tables. Groups of 30 people or more may save at discounts up to 30% off the admission price at the gate.

Orders for Value Packs and season table subscriptions may be made in person at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office, by phone by calling (317) 639-4300 or (800) 366-8457 outside of Indianapolis, or online at [www.IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://www.IndianapolisSymphony.org). For group sales, contact ISO Group Sales Manager Jeff Johnson at (317) 231-6788 or via email at [jjohnson@IndianapolisSymphony.org](mailto:jjohnson@IndianapolisSymphony.org).

**Single Tickets On Sale Beginning April 23**

Single tickets for Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* concerts will go on sale Monday, April 23. For more information on all Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra indoor and outdoor presentations, contact the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (217) 639-4300, toll free (800) 366-8457 outside of Indianapolis, or online at [www.IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://www.IndianapolisSymphony.org).

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