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**Indianapolis Symphony Extends 2012 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Season to Sept. 7-8;
Single Tickets Go On Sale to General Public April 23**

Jazz Swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy moves to Sept. 7-8; Pop-rock singer and songwriter Jon McLaughlin performs Sept. 1-2 of Labor Day weekend

Marsh Supermarkets renews Title Sponsorship through the 2015 summer season

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will extend the 2012 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* season by one weekend and add pop-rock singer, songwriter and Hoosier native Jon McLaughlin to the mix. McLaughlin will perform Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, and renowned Swing band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will perform Friday and Saturday, September 7 and 8 to close out the season. Originally, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy was slated for the September 1 and 2 concert dates that will now feature McLaughlin.

From June 16 through September 8, the ISO will present 30 concerts over the course of 13 weekends at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater in Fishers, Indiana. Since its inception in 1982, the Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* series has grown from a few performances to an entire season of concerts and presentations. Marsh Supermarkets has sponsored the series since 1982 and has renewed its title sponsorship through the 2015 summer season. St. Vincent Health is the Premiere Sponsor for the summer series.

UPDATE – 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 and Maestro Savia celebrate 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 and Maestro Savia 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.

*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 – *Jon McLaughlin*

Pop-rock singer, songwriter and Hoosier native Jon McLaughlin and his band will perform many of their hits, including the Oscar-nominated "So Close" (from the film *Enchanted*), "Human," "Promising Promises," "Summer is Over" and the title song from his album, *Indiana*, among others.

September 7-8 – *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 and will perform with the ISO in these concerts.

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

Ticket and Table Information

Single tickets for Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* concerts will go on sale Monday, April 23, and may be ordered at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office by calling (317) 639-4300 or toll free at (800) 366-8457, online at www.IndianapolisSymphony.org, at any Marsh, MainStreet or O'Malia's location, or purchased at the gate two hours prior to that evening's performance.

Single ticket prices for Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* concerts (excluding July 2-4 performances):

Advance: \$22 (adults); \$11 (children ages 2-12)

Gate: \$27 (adults); \$13 (children ages 2-12)

Single ticket prices for *Star-Spangled Symphony* concerts on July 2-4:

Advance: \$27 (adults); \$11 (children ages 2-12)

Gate: \$30 (adults); \$13 (children ages 2-12)

Groups of 30 or more: \$17 (adults); \$11 (children ages 2-12)

Patrons also may buy economical **Value Packs** of 10 concert tickets for \$155 from now until May 4. From May 5-June 16, Value Packs are priced at \$180 per pack. Value Pack tickets may be used for any concerts, including July 2-4.

Tables may be purchased in full table configurations (seating up to 10) through the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office only. Table reservation fees do not include concert tickets.

Season Table Subscriptions: \$479 for 14 performances

Single Table Prices: \$59 (excluding July 2-4 concerts) and \$79 for July 2-4.

Premium Parking

Premium Parking passes also are available on a limited basis for each performance for \$20 per concert, which allow patrons to enter an exclusive gate to the north of the main entrance at Conner Prairie with close proximity to the band shell and golf cart service. Premium Parking must be purchased in advance through the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office and cannot be bought or picked up at the concert site.

Audience Conveniences:

- Patrons can text WEATHER and the concert date to "24025" on cell phones or other wireless devices to receive up-to-the-minute weather conditions at Conner Prairie. To become a member of the ISO's mobile community—mSYMPHONY—text JOIN ISO to "24025" and receive concert alerts, discount offers and ISO news.
- Patrons may bring their own food and beverages; plenty of picnic room is available in the grass or at reserved tables near the stage.
- All concerts begin at 8 p.m.; gates open at 6 p.m. except July 2-4 (4:30 p.m.)
- A flexible rain check policy is offered to serve patrons in case of inclement weather.
- The Indianapolis Symphony and Conner Prairie have established a separate designated smoking area within the outdoor Amphitheater.

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