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**Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Performs *Bond & Beyond: Celebrating 50 Years of 007* in  
Printing Partners *Pops Series* Concerts May 11-12**

*Concerts feature many James Bond movie favorites from 1960s to the present*

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra welcomes Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Principal Pops Conductor Michael Krajewski and Tony Award-winning Broadway star Debbie Gravitte, who will perform many favorites from classic James Bond films over the past 50 years in Printing Partners *Pops Series* concerts Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, at the Hilbert Circle Theatre.

This pops weekend will feature music from classics such as *From Russia With Love*, *You Only Live Twice*, *Diamond Are Forever*, *Thunderball*, *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace*, among others. Following intermission, tunes from other films such as *Austin Powers*, *The Pink Panther* and *Dick Tracy* also will be performed, as well as a medley of hits from Bond films that will include *Live and Let Die*, *The Look of Love*, *For Your Eyes Only* and *Nobody Does It Better* to round out the program.

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 and may be ordered by calling the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300, or online at [www.IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://www.IndianapolisSymphony.org).

Printing Partners is the Title Sponsor for the entire 2011-2012 Printing Partners *Pops Series* season and Raymond James and Associates is the Premiere Sponsor for the *Pops Series*. Associate Sponsors for this weekend are Citizens Energy Group and Huntington Bank.

**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.

One of Broadway's biggest personalities, **Debbie Gravitte** has enjoyed a varied career taking her from the Broadway stage to concert halls and beyond. She won the Tony Award for "Best Actress in a Musical" for her performance in *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* along with a Drama Desk Award nomination and New York Showstopper Award. After making her Broadway Debut in *They're Playing Our Song*, she also appeared in *Perfectly Frank*, *Blues in the Night*, *Zorba*, *Chicago* and *Les Miserables*, among others. She also has performed in numerous concerts with prominent symphony orchestra in North America and Europe, presents her own nightclub act worldwide and recently sang with the New York City Ballet in Peter Martin's *Thou Swell* at Lincoln Center. On television, Gravitte co-starred on the CBS series *Trial and Error*, was seen on NBC's *Pursuit of Happiness* and starred in several PBS specials including *Live from the Kennedy Center*, *The Boston Pops Celebrate Bernstein*, *Rodgers and Hart for Great Performances*, and *Ira*

*Gershwin's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration*. In films, she appeared with Bette Midler in the Universal Feature *Isn't She Great?*, and can be heard as one of the voices in Disney's *The Little Mermaid*.

**In Brief:**

The ISO will be joined by guest conductor Michael Krajewski and noted Broadway actress and singer Debbie Gravitte to perform many of the popular hits and themes from classic James Bond films to celebrate 50 years since the spy thrillers began.

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Michael Krajewski

Soloist: Debbie Gravitte, Vocals

Locations: Hilbert Circle Theatre

Dates & Times: Fri., May 11, 11 a.m. & 8 p.m.; Sat., May 12, at 8 p.m.

**Repertoire:**

This program showcasing 50 years of the James Bond film series will include music from the classics *From Russia With Love*, *You Only Live Twice*, *Diamond Are Forever*, *Thunderball*, *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace*, among others. Following intermission tunes from other films such as *Austin Powers*, *The Pink Panther*, and *Dick Tracy* also will be featured.

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