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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Artists-in-Residence, Time for Three, Performs in Season's Final Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony* Concert May 17

Program includes music by the Beatles, Grieg and a new original Time for Three work

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra welcomes its own artists-in-residence, the energetic string trio Time for Three, to perform in the season's final Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony* series concert of the season on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilbert Circle Theatre. This diverse program features the trio – Zach De Pue, violin and ISO Concertmaster, Nick Kendall, violin and Ranaan Meyer, double bass – and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra performing music by Edvard Grieg plus classic Beatles songs and original works by Time for Three.

Steve Hackman, co-Creative Director of the *Happy Hour* series and conductor of the concert, said, "The centerpiece of this program is the works by the Beatles, handled with usual mastery and virtuosity by Time for Three and members of the ISO. We selected songs that all have a folk-like, almost pastoral quality – "Blackbird", 'Dear Prudence', 'Mother Nature's Son' and 'Norwegian Wood' – in order to match them in style and feel with the Grieg *Holberg Suite* and a new Time for Three original titled 'Banjo Love.' In fact, 'Blackbird' and 'Banjo Love' are synthesized with the Grieg to create a new classical/pop mash-up; 'Norwegian Wood' is combined with a Chopin ballade. We close the concert with a piece by the modern-day folk/bluegrass supergroup Mumford and Sons entitled 'Little Lion Man'."

Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony* tickets are \$25 each with general admission seating. Starting at 5 p.m., attendees can enjoy complimentary food and drink from Starbucks Coffee Company, 14 West, Adobo Grill, California Pizza Kitchen, The Libertine Liquor Bar, Coal Pizza Company, Pizzology, White Castle, Hoosier Mama, Stella Artois, Coca-Cola, Barefoot Wine and Gallo Spirits. Following the concert, the ISO's young professionals group FORTE will host a party at Chef Joseph's at the Connoisseur Room featuring drink specials and opportunities to mingle and meet with the guest artists and ISO musicians.

Created and directed by Steve Hackman and the ISO's resident trio, Time for Three, this season's Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony* concerts are designed to transform the symphonic experience by bridging the gap between classical and popular music.

Stella Artois is the Title Sponsor for the Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony* Series. Indianapolis Power & Light Company is the Premiere Sponsor and NUVO Newsweekly is the Associate Sponsor. Additional support is provided by the Efrogmson Family Fund, a CICF affiliate, and FORTE, the ISO's young professionals group.

Artist Biography

Founded in 2001 by three Curtis Institute of Music students, **Time for Three** is increasingly gaining attention as one of America's brightest and most unique string ensembles by exploring repertoire that ranges from a mix of bluegrass, gypsy, jazz, country western fiddling, classical, improvisatory and original works and arrangements. The trio has performed more than 200 engagements as diverse as its music by appearing as featured guest soloists with The Philadelphia Orchestra to opening for k.d. lang at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center. They have appeared at prestigious venues such as the Isabella Stewart

Gardner Museum in Boston, the 92nd Street Y in New York and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., among others. The trio features violinists Nick Kendall (2002 Young Concert Artists International Competition winner) and Zach De Pue (1998 Fischhoff Competition winner and ISO Concertmaster), and bassist Ranaan Meyer (noted jazz and classical bassist and composer).

In November 2009, Time for Three became the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's first ensemble-in-residence and embarked on bringing its genre-bending musical style to Indianapolis and the greater community. Now in the final year of its residency, Time for Three has established relationships with two local high schools – Broad Ripple and Perry Meridian – in order to work with and inspire student musicians; developed programming for and has performed in the ISO's Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony*, *Symphonic Hits* powered by Lilly and Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* series; and played in many venues outside of Hilbert Circle Theatre in order to attract new communities to symphonic music.

As co-Creative Director of the ISO's Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony Series*, **Steve Hackman** creates the programming and arranges a majority of the works in the concerts. He collaborates in this endeavor with his former Curtis Institute of Music classmates Zach De Pue, Nick Kendall and Ranaan Meyer (Time for Three), and also serves as the group's music director and producer. In addition to his works for Time for Three being played in concert halls around world, Steve had premieres this season with the National Symphony Orchestra, Alabama Symphony and the Colorado Music Festival. He is an alumnus of the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen, served as the Assistant Conductor of the Reading Symphony Orchestra from 2005-2007 and was in the top 64 out of more than 120,000 that auditioned for "American Idol" in 2007. Hackman currently is working with Time for Three on their next full length album as well as his debut album project, *Stereo Hideout*.

In Brief

ISO and string trio Time for Three perform popular classical and contemporary works in a casual one-hour concert that is preceded by a happy hour featuring complimentary food and drink.

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Steve Hackman

Artists: Time for Three – Zach De Pue, Violin; Nick Kendall, Violin; Ranaan Meyer, Double Bass

Location: Hilbert Circle Theatre

Date & Times: Thurs., May 17

5 p.m. – Doors open; complimentary food and refreshments from local restaurants

6:30 p.m. – Concert begins

Repertoire:

This program will match classic Beatles songs with Grieg's *Holberg Suite*, contemporary folk band Mumford and Sons' "Little Lion Man," and other original pieces by Time for three in an eclectic mix on musical styles.

Tickets: \$25 each with General Admission seating; (317) 639-4300, Toll Free (800) 366-8457; online at www.IndianapolisSymphony.org

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