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Indianapolis Symphony Opens 2012 Marsh *Symphony On The Prairie* Season With Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Elgar's *Enigma Variations* June 16

2006 American Pianists Association Max I. Allen Fellow Stephen Beus will perform as soloist

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will be joined by conductor Ryan McAdams and 2006 American Pianists Association Max I. Allen fellow Stephen Beus to open the Orchestra's 31st season of Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* concerts with a colorful classical program featuring George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Sir Elgar's *Enigma Variations* Saturday, June 16, at 8 p.m. at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

The Orchestra kicks off a full summer of exciting outdoor concerts under the stars with Maestro McAdams and the ISO performing Antonin Dvořák's festive *Carnival Overture* followed by Beus' performance of the popular *Rhapsody in Blue*. Following intermission, the Orchestra will present Mexican composer Carlos Chavez' *Sinfonia India* the composer's testament to indigenous music of Mexico and features a host of native percussion instruments. The program concludes with Elgar's popular *Enigma Variations*, an amusing and exciting work in which the composer musically exhibits the personalities and idiosyncrasies of friends and family members.

Tickets are priced at \$22 in advance and \$27 at the gate for adults, with children's prices (ages 2-12) at \$11 in advance and \$13 at the gate. Tickets may be purchased at any Marsh, MainStreet or O'Malia's supermarket location, by calling the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300, toll free at (800) 366-8457, or by visiting the ISO's website at www.IndianapolisSymphony.org. Premium parking passes may be purchased for \$20 each exclusively through the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office.

Patrons can bring their own food, beverages (including alcohol) and blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy picnicking to the music on the beautiful natural grass amphitheater or reserve a table for only \$59 with seating for up to 10 people near the stage.

If rain is possible on concert days, the public can stay up-to-date by listening to radio station WIBC (93.1 FM), the official station for Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* weather and traffic, or through the ISO's mSymphony weather text message service by texting WEATHER [date of performance] (e.g. WEATHER JUNE 16) to 24025. This service will be available on every concert date and will be updated by the ISO as conditions change.

Due to road construction projects on the northeast side of the Indianapolis metropolitan area, please "Know Before You Go" where construction projects are in progress and listen to WIBC-FM for the latest traffic updates when en route to the 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. Barefoot Wine is the official wine sponsor of Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*.

Artist Biographies:

Ryan McAdams is quickly establishing himself as one of the most exciting and innovative conductors of his generation and currently serves as Music Director of the New York Youth Orchestra. Previously he served as Apprentice Conductor of the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic, where he assisted then-Chief Conductor Alan Gilbert, and was Associate Conductor of New York City Opera during the 2010-2011 season. In addition to his schedule

with the New York Youth Orchestra, he has made appearances with the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, the Maggio Musicale in Florence, Sinfonia Nazionale della RAI in Torino, the Orchestra of St. Luke and has conducted the world premieres of Jonathan Dawe's opera *Cosi Faranno Tutti* and chamber opera/ballet, *Cracked Orlando*, with the Second Instrumental Unit of New York City. In 2010, he was honored by the Solti Foundation in Chicago as the first-ever Sir Georg Solti Emerging Conductor Award recipient. He made his ISO debut in July 2011 in a free concert at Ellenberger Park and also led the ISO's New Years Eve celebration in December 2011.

Pianist **Stephen Beus** launched his still-rising career when in 2006, when he won the Gina Bachauer Competition, first place in the Vendome Prize International Competition in Lisbon and was awarded the prestigious Max I. Allen Fellowship of the American Pianists Association here in Indianapolis, all within a period of four months. While attending The Juilliard School, he won that venerable institution's Concerto Competition that led to his Carnegie Hall debut in a performance of Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 with the Juilliard Orchestra under the baton of James DePriest and since has performed with orchestra in North America as well as Portugal, Denmark, Morocco, Germany and Finland. Among major American orchestras, he has performed with the Indianapolis, Nashville, Santa Fe, Utah, and Fort Worth symphony orchestras. Also active as a recitalist, Beus has performed in both the Salle Gaveau and Salle Cordot in Paris, Merkin Hall, the Shanghai Oriental Arts Center, the Central Conservatory at Beijing, Teatro San Carlo in Naples (Italy) and Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

In Brief:

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra opens its 2012 *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* Series season with 2006 APA Max I. Allen Fellow Stephen Beus performing *Rhapsody in Blue*; ISO plays Elgar's *Enigma* Variations

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Ryan McAdams
Soloist: Stephen Beus, Piano – 2006 American Pianists Association Max I. Allen Fellowship
Location: Conner Prairie Amphitheater – 13400 N. Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN
Date & Time: Saturday, June 16, 8 p.m.
Repertoire: DVOŘÁK *Carnival Overture*
GERSHWIN *Rhapsody in Blue*
HAVEZ *Sinfonía India* (Symphony No. 2)
ELGAR Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 36 ("Enigma")

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