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**Indianapolis Symphony Performs *Heroes & Victors – Music from Sports Greatest Films* in Marsh
Symphony on the Prairie Concerts June 22-23**

Concerts feature classic sports film scores with film excerpts on giant video screens; 2012 Michael Ben and Illene Komisarow Maurer Young Musicians Contest winner Brian Allen as soloist

INDIANAPOLIS – Athletes, action and adrenaline and how they are celebrated in music and film summarizes the second weekend of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* series in an exciting multimedia program titled *Heroes & Victors – Music from Sports Greatest Films* Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, at 8 p.m. at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

Conducted by longtime Evansville Philharmonic Music Director Alfred Savia, these concerts will include film excerpts shown on two giant video screens near the stage to accompany selections from the film scores from *Rocky*, *Breaking Away*, *Hoosiers*, *Rudy*, *Field of Dreams*, *Chariots of Fire*, *The Natural*, and *Ben Hur*, among others. Other works that will not feature film clips but may have video enhancements will include John Williams' *Summon the Heroes* and *Olympic Fanfare*, Sir Edward Elgar's Military March No. 1 from *Pomp and Circumstance*, PDQ Bach's *Beethoven Sportscast* (featuring WFYI-FM host Scott Hoke and a guest narrator to be named later as sportscasters) as well as the fight songs from Notre Dame, Indiana and Purdue universities. As an added treat, 18 year-old Bedford, Ind. violinist Brian Allen, the 2012 ISO Michael Ben and Illene Komisarow Maurer *Young Musicians Contest* winner, will play the second and third movements from Serge Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 2 as part of the program.

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. With the exception of the limited Premium Parking spaces, all other parking is free.

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 22) 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 allow plenty of time to get to Conner Prairie for the concert. Patrons can 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*. Associate Sponsors for this weekend are Huntington Bank, Bowen Engineering Corporation, The National Bank of Indianapolis, First Person, Inc., Flashpoint HR, Ice Miller LLP, and Lockhart Cadillac, Inc.

Artist Biographies:

Celebrating his 23rd season as Music Director of the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra this autumn, **Alfred Savia** enjoys an internationally respected career as conductor, music director, orchestra builder and teacher. Maestro Savia was Associate Conductor of the Indianapolis Symphony from 1990-1996 and served as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Series from 1993-1996. In addition to his frequent return engagements with the Orchestra, he also has guest conducted with the Columbus, Detroit, Memphis, Phoenix, Roanoke, San Antonio, Spokane and Kitchener-Waterloo symphony orchestras, The Louisville Orchestra, and Korea Philharmonic Orchestra. In November 1997, he recorded Russell Peck's *The Thrill of the Orchestra* with London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

In addition to winning this year's *Young Musicians Contest*, **Brian Allen** served as Concertmaster in the ISO's *Side-by-Side* Orchestra in both 2011 and 2012. He also won first place in the 2011 Side-by-Side Concerto Competition, first place in the 2011 New World Youth Symphony, Senior Division, and first place in the State of Indiana Music Teachers National Association Student Competition. He has been a member of the Violin Virtuosi since 2007 and has performed with the group in international concert tours. He studies with Mimi Zweig at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

Scott Hoke is now in his seventh year as the regular host of the Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* series. On the radio, Scott has been the local host of NPR's *Morning Edition* on WFYI 90.1 FM since 2004 and on television, he is in his fifth season as the host of the *Mecum Auto Auctions* programs seen on Discovery's Velocity Network. His resume includes six years as television host with the Indiana Pacers and nine years as a sports anchor and reporter for WRTV-6. Scott is also an avid cyclist and musician.

In Brief:

The ISO performs music from famous sports films that will be accented by film excerpts displayed on a large video screen near the stage.

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Alfred Savia
Soloist: Brian Allen, Violin
2012 Michael Ben and Illene Komisarow Maurer *Young Musicians Contest* winner
Scott Hoke, Narrator
TBA, Narrator
Location: Conner Prairie Amphitheater – 13400 N. Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN
Date & Time: Fri. & Sat., June 22 & 23, 8 p.m.
Repertoire: *Heroes & Victors: Music from Sports Greatest Films*
Program will include music from *Rocky, Breaking Away, Hoosiers, Ben Hur, Rudy, Chariots of Fire, Field of Dreams* and *The Natural*, among others, with film excerpts to accompany the music.

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