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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Performs *Star-Spangled Symphony* Concerts July 2-4

Three concerts feature many patriotic favorites and spectacular fireworks

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra welcomes the return of conductor Alfred Savia, Music Director of the Evansville Philharmonic, to lead three *Star-Spangled Symphony* concerts featuring patriotic favorites, Monday, July 2, through Wednesday, July 4, at 8 p.m. at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater, as part of its *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* series.

Highlighting this program of music befitting Independence Day will be the suite from the film *Gettysburg* with an authentic Civil War honor guard representing the U.S. 19th Infantry that will feature Abraham Lincoln interpreter Dean Dorrell's narration of the Gettysburg Address. Also included will be noted vocalist and actor Daniel Narducci's performances of a medley from *1776, the Musical* featuring an honor guard from the Sons of the American Revolution, songs by famed American composer Stephen Foster and a traditional favorite, *Shenandoah*. Other features will be ISO Principal Trombone and composer James Beckel's *I Am the American Flag* with Narducci as narrator and a sing-along medley of many patriotic favorites titled *Sing Out, America!*

Traditional elements will include the anthems of the armed services titled *Servicemen on Parade* to recognize all active servicemen and veterans in the audience, Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* with artillery accompaniment by the 150th Field Artillery Unit of the Indiana National Guard and one of central Indiana's most spectacular fireworks displays, weather permitting, to accompany three John Philip Sousa marches, including *Stars and Stripes Forever*, to bring the concerts to a rousing conclusion.

The gates to the amphitheater will open at 4:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets are priced at \$27 in advance and \$30 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, which provide convenient parking near the amphitheater, also 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 \$79 with seating for up to 10 people near the stage. Tables for July 2 and 3 are sold out. 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 JULY 2) 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 2010 *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

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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.

Since his professional debut with the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra under the direction of Erich Kunzel, **Daniel Narducci** has performed with many of America's prominent orchestras including the ISO, The Cleveland and Philadelphia orchestras and the Chicago, Houston, Baltimore, Toronto, and Detroit symphony orchestras, among others. His television credits include an historic performance with the Cincinnati Pops at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing and an appearance with Frederica von Stade and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra on PBS in *Pops at the Phil: A Century of Broadway*. Narducci recently made his New York City debut at Alice Tully Hall with the Collegiate Chorale in *An Evening of Operetta* and in musical theater, he portrayed Lancelot in two national tours of *Camelot* opposite Robert Goulet's King Arthur as well as played Old Deuteronomy in the 10th Anniversary production of *Cats* in Hamburg, Germany. He is a graduate of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

Actor **Dean Dorrell** has been performing on the stage for more than 35 years and has been portraying Abraham Lincoln for more than 15 years in schools, on stage and in commercials. He holds a lifetime membership in the Association of Abraham Lincoln Presenters, which presented him with the "Abraham Lincoln of the Year" award in 2002. He also appeared in the starring role in the musical *Young Abe Lincoln* from 2001-2005 at the Lincoln Amphitheatre in Lincoln City, Indiana.

In Brief:

ISO performs three patriotic pops concerts to celebrate Independence Day weekend; fireworks conclude each concert, weather permitting.

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Alfred Savia
Artists: Daniel Narducci, Vocalist and Narrator (*I Am the American Flag*)
Dean Dorrell, Narrator (*Gettysburg*)
150th Field Artillery Unit, Indiana National Guard
Indiana Sons of the American Revolution
19th US Infantry Civil War re-enactors
Location: Conner Prairie Amphitheater – 13400 N. Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN
Dates & Times: Mon. – Wed., July 2-4, 8 p.m.; Gates Open at 4:30 p.m.

Repertoire:

Highlighting this red, white and blue trio of concerts will be favorites from the American songbook, the suite from the film *Gettysburg* with narration of the Gettysburg Address and Civil War re-enactors, a salute to all veterans with *Servicemen on Parade*, Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* with live artillery accompaniment, John Philip Sousa marches and spectacular fireworks to conclude each concert

Tickets:

Adults - \$27 (Advance); \$30 (At Gate); Children (Ages 2-12) - \$11 (Advance); \$13 (At Gate)

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