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**Indianapolis Symphony Performs *Disco at the Symphony: A Tribute to the Bee Gees* in Marsh
Symphony on the Prairie Concerts July 6-7**

INDIANAPOLIS- Put on your platform shoes and prepare to dance the night away at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* as the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and tribute band Stayin' Alive hustle and groove to *Disco at the Symphony: A Tribute to the Bee Gees* featuring an energetic program of Bee Gees hits in concerts Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

Conducted by longtime Evansville Philharmonic Music Director Alfred Savia, these concerts will include Bee Gees blockbusters such as "Night Fever," "Jive Talking," "How Deep is Your Love," "You Should be Dancin'," and "Nights on Broadway" as well as classics such as "Fanny," "Grease," "Can't Have You" and "Stayin' Alive." These, among other hits, will be performed by Stayin' Alive, featuring vocalists Tony Mattina, Todd Sharman, and Mitch Morrison, who capture the experience of seeing the brothers Gibb live in concert. Stayin' Alive's performances are an authentic tribute to the Bee Gees, the legendary group that captivated audiences for over five decades with their unique vocal sound and musical adaptability.

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 JULY 6) 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 Erie Insurance, Macy's Foundation, Ice Miller LLP, Indianapolis Power & Light Company, Regions bank and Lockhart Cadillac.

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.

The tribute band **Stayin' Alive** is noted as one of the foremost tribute bands who interpret and perform the music of the Bee Gees. Backed by studio musicians, vocalists Tony Mattina, Todd Sharman and Mitch Morrison perform many of the timeless Bee Gees hits. Known for their stylistic interpretations of the vocal styles of the Gibb brothers, the group has performed throughout North America as a stand-alone band and with symphony orchestras.

A native of Hamilton, Ontario, **Tony Mattina** (Barry Gibb, Lead Vocals and Guitar) has played with many other tribute bands and is a veteran on the Toronto music scene and captures the vocal style and tone of Barry Gibb. "Barry has such a unique and identifiable voice," Tony says, "and I take great pride that night after night the audience embraces my translation of Barry's character. Barry is truly one of the greatest vocalists of our time."

Todd Sharman (Robin Gibb, Lead and Backing Vocals) has been a mainstay in the Toronto music scene for many years. He has fronted many tribute acts from Tom Petty to the Tragically Hip as well as many original bands. From this experience, Todd continues to electrify the Stayin' Alive experience.

Mitch Morrison (Maurice Gibb) has been touring in various tribute bands throughout Canada and the United States for over a decade. He has written Top 20 hits and his music is used in television programs on both sides of the border.

In Brief:

The ISO performs hits from the Bee Gees featuring tribute band Stayin' Alive as the Gibb brothers.

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Alfred Savia
Soloists: Stayin' Alive - Tony Mattina, Todd Sharman, and Mitch Morrison, Vocalists
Location: Conner Prairie Amphitheater – 13400 N. Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN
Date & Time: Fri. & Sat., July 6 & 7, 8 p.m.

Repertoire: *Disco at the Symphony: A Tribute to the Bee Gees*

Program will include "Night Fever," "Jive Talking," "How Deep is your Love," "You Should be Dancin'," "Nights on Broadway," "Fanny Be Tender," "Grease," "Can't Have You," "Be Your Everything," "Shadow Dancing," "Love Somebody," "Islands in the Stream," "I've Got to Get a Message to You," "Stayin' Alive" and other Bee Gees favorites.

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