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American Singer/Songwriter Don McLean Makes Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Debut in Concerts August 3-4

INDIANAPOLIS -- The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra welcomes iconic and award-winning singer/songwriter Don McLean in his debut with the ISO at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4, at 8 p.m. at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater. The concerts, titled *40 Years of American Pie: An Evening with Don McLean*, will feature many of McLean's beloved songs and hits such as "American Pie," "Crying," "And I Love You So," "Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)" and "Castles in the Air."

Don McLean's songs are enduring cultural staples that have resonated across generations. He sings of turbulent times in our nation's history, bringing an era to life through his famous melodies. McLean's music has been further popularized through covers by Madonna, George Michael and other industry giants. He has performed in major venues all over the world and has made acclaimed appearances at Carnegie Hall, Albert Hall in London, the Sydney Opera House and the White House. "American Pie" was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2003, and McLean was inducted into the Songwriters' Hall of Fame in 2004. *40 Years of American Pie: An Evening with Don McLean* also features Tony Migliore (Music Director, Conductor, Piano), David Smith (Electric Bass), Carl Vipperman (Electric Guitar) and Jerry Kroon (Drums).

Adult tickets are \$22 in advance and \$27 at the gate. Children's tickets (ages 2-12) are \$11 and \$13 respectively. Tickets may be purchased at any Marsh, MainStreet or O'Malia's supermarket location. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office, by calling (317) 639-4300 and toll free at (800) 366-8457 or via www.IndianapolisSymphony.org. Premium Parking passes may be purchased for \$20 each exclusively through the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office. All other Conner Prairie parking is free-of-charge and there are many volunteers available to assist patrons in carrying their belongings from their vehicles to their seats.

Guests may bring their own food, beverages (including alcohol), blankets, and lawn chairs or reserve a table for up to 10 people just feet from the stage for \$59 (plus the ticket price).

The public can stay up-to-date on weather and traffic conditions by tuning in to WIBC (93.1 FM), the official radio station of Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*. Patrons can sign up for the ISO's mSymphony weather text message service by texting WEATHER [date of performance] (e.g. WEATHER AUGUST 3) to 24025. This service will be available for every performance and will be updated by the ISO as conditions change.

Due to road construction on the northeast side of the Indianapolis metropolitan area, the ISO and Conner Prairie encourage patrons to “Know Before You Go.” WIBC-FM will offer the latest traffic updates for patrons en route to Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*.

Join the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Facebook page and follow @Indy_Symphony on Twitter for details regarding upcoming concerts, guest artists and news from the ISO.

Marsh Supermarkets is our Title Sponsor for the 2012 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* season. 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 Dow AgroSciences, M&I Wealth Management and Erie Insurance.

For Don McLean’s official biography, click [here](#).

In Brief:

Performers: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Soloists: Don McLean, *Acoustic Guitar, Vocals*

Tony Migliore, *Music Director, Conductor, and Piano*

David Smith, *Electric Bass*

Carl Vipperman, *Electric Guitar*

Jerry Kroon, *Drums*

Location: Conner Prairie Amphitheater – 13400 N. Allisonville Rd., Fishers, Ind.

Date & Time: Fri. & Sat., August 3 & 4, 8 p.m.

Repertoire: *40 Years of American Pie -- An Evening with Don McLean*

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