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**Indianapolis Symphony Presents Works by Vivaldi and Tchaikovsky in Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Concerts August 10-11**

INDIANAPOLIS – The string section of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra takes center stage and presents two beloved classical works – Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings* and Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* – in performances at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* at 8 p.m., August 10 and 11, on the grounds of the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

Leading the all-string Orchestra is world-renowned violinist Barnabás Kelemen, Gold Medalist from the 2002 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. Kelemen and the Indianapolis Symphony will perform the Vivaldi masterpiece, *The Four Seasons,* considered to be one of the greatest works in the solo violin repertoire. Each of the four movements' distinctive themes musically represents the idyllic sounds of a particular season (birds in spring or a warm crackling fire in winter), complete with dynamic and virtuosic passages for the solo violin.  It has remained a popular staple in the concerto repertoire since its creation in 1723. The program opens with Tchaikovsky's serene and lush *Serenade for Strings*, an example of the perfect balance between late European Romanticism and Classical structural architecture.

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 10) 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 the Title Sponsor for the 2012 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* season, with St.Vincent Health as the Premiere Sponsor for the summer series. Barefoot Wine is the official wine sponsor of Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* and the Associate Sponsor for Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* is Erie Insurance.

**Artist Biography:**

Guest conductor and violinist **Barnabás Kelemen** has captured the attention of the musical world through innate musicality and rare technical mastery.

Born in Budapest, Kelemen entered the Franz Liszt Music Academy at age 11. Just one year after receiving his diploma, he won the Gold Medal at the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. Kelemen has been honored at numerous international competitions including Second Prize at the 1997 Szigeti Competition, First Prizes at the 1999 Mozart Competition in Salzburg, the International Piano Trio Competition in Kuhmo, and Third Prize at the 2001 Queen Elisabeth Competition. In 2007 he was awarded Grand Prize at the Central European Classical Music Festival. Most recently, in recognition of his achievements, the Hungarian government awarded Kelemen the Kossuth Prize in 2012.

Barnabás Kelemen has appeared with all major Hungarian orchestras and has collaborated with top orchestras in Helsinki, Hong Kong, Munich, Malaysia, London, the United States, the Netherlands, and Norway. He has performed with esteemed conductors Peter Eötvös, Iván Fischer, Marek Janowski, Lorin Maazel and Sir Neville Marriner. Kelemen has spent extensive time working with the Budapest Festival Orchestra and the Concert-Gebouw Chamber Orchestra, among others, on his "play-and-lead" projects. Since 2005 he has been a professor at the Franz Liszt Music Academy and teaches regularly as a guest professor at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music.

Barnabás Kelemen performs on a 1742 Guarneri del Gesú violin formerly played by the great Hungarian violinist Dénes Kovás. The instrument has been generously loaned to Kelemen by the State of Hungary.

**In Brief:**
The ISO string section performs two classical favorites, Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings* and Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons,* featuring IVCI Gold Medalist Barnabás Kelemen as leader and violin soloist.

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| Performers: | Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra String Section |
| Leader and Soloist: | Barnabás Kelemen, Violin |
| Location: | Conner Prairie Amphitheater – 13400 N. Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN |
| Date & Time: | Fri. & Sat., August 10 & 11, 8 p.m. |
| Repertoire: | Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings* |
| | Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* |

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**Tables-** Tables accommodate up to 10 people and can be purchased for $59 in addition to admission price.

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