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Diamond Rio Debuts at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* August 24 & 25

INDIANAPOLIS- Diamond Rio will take the stage at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* for the first time at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre to perform many of their award-winning country hits such as “Meet in the Middle,” “How Your Love Makes Me Feel,” and “Love a Little Stronger,” among others, August 24 & 25 at 8 p.m. The Indianapolis Symphony does not perform in these concerts.

Renowned for their rich vocal harmonies with soulful bluegrass overtones, Diamond Rio has found unrivaled success in country and Christian music industries. Since their debut in 1991 with their No. 1 album “Meet in the Middle,” the group has turned out enough successive hits to warrant two Greatest Hits albums. Diamond Rio’s impressive repertoire spans from the deeply emotional “Mama Don’t Forget to Pray for Me,” to the energizing and uplifting “Beautiful Mess.” All of Diamond Rio’s studio albums have reached gold or platinum sales and the band has racked up 13 Grammy nominations and 15 Country Music Association nominations for Vocal Group of the Year, more than any country group in CMA history.

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. Parking is free on the Conner Prairie grounds; premium parking passes may be purchased for \$20 each exclusively through the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office.

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 24) 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 offers the latest traffic updates for patrons en route to Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*.

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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 Sponsors for *Diamond Rio* are UPS and Erie Insurance.

Artist Biography:

Formed in 1984, **Diamond Rio** features Marty Roe, Jimmy Olander, drummer Brian Prout, keyboardist Dan Truman, bassist Dana Williams and Gene Johnson on mandolin, guitar and fiddle. The band signed with Artista in 1988 and embarked on one of the most successful careers in country music.

Diamond Rio has released seven albums, two greatest hits collections and *A Diamond Rio Christmas: The Star Still Shines*, a 2007 holiday album. The band has earned three platinum albums and won the Country Music Association’s Vocal Group of the Year award four times as well as netting two Academy of Country Music Awards in the top Vocal Group of the Year category. To date, the group has earned 13 Grammy nominations. When they debuted in 1991 with “Meet in the Middle,” Diamond Rio became the first group in the history of country music to have a debut single reach No. 1. They continued to place 32 more singles on the Billboard chart including “How Your Love Makes Me Feel,” “Norma Jean Riley,” “Beautiful Mess,” and “Love a Little Stronger.”

In Brief:

Performers: Diamond Rio

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

Date & Time: Fri. & Sat., August 24 & 25, 8 p.m.

Repertoire: Hits by the country group Diamond Rio

The ISO does not perform at these concerts.

Tickets:

Adults - \$22 (Advance); \$27 (At Gate)

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

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

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