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Celebrate 50 Years of Motown with The Contours to Kick Off the Labor Day Weekend Celebration at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*

INDIANAPOLIS- The Contours, featuring Sylvester Potts, will bring Hitsville USA to Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* as the band belts out Motown favorites Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31, at 8 p.m. on the stage of the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

Known as “Motown’s No. 1 Party Group” for more than 50 years, The Contours have been leaders in that genre since the 1960s. The group’s hit “Do You Love Me (Now That I Can Dance),” featured in the 1987 Academy Award winning film *Dirty Dancing*, is one of few recordings that have hit the Top 20 in separate decades. Other hits include “Shake Sherry,” “Can You Jerk Like Me,” “That Day When She Needed Me,” and “Just a Little Misunderstanding.” Detroit native Sylvester Potts, a member of The Contours within months of its founding in 1961, is joined by fellow Detroiters Tony Womack, Kim Green and Tee Turner for these performances.

Please note that the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra does not perform during these concerts.

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 30) 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. The Associate Sponsors for *The Contours* are KeyBank, Indiana American Water, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, DCG: Digital Color Graphics, Erie Insurance, Nordstrom, UnitedHealthcare and Lockhart Cadillac.

Artist Biography:

The Contours have proudly worn the label “Motown’s No. 1 Party Group” for more than 50 years. In addition to their success at Hitsville USA, The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts, are acclaimed for their part in the Academy Award winning film, *Dirty Dancing*. Their hit “Do You Love Me” was featured in the film and became so popular that it gave birth to “The Dirty Dancing Tour” starring The Contours, Bill Medley, Merry Clayton and Eric Carmen. The tour lasted 10 months, played to over two million people in eight countries and sold over 10 million copies of *More Dirty Dancing*. Motown Records reissued The Contour’s original version of “Do You Love Me,” which rose to No. 11 on the national charts, one of the few recordings in history to hit the top 20 in two different decades.

The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts also features Tony Womack, Kim Green and Tee Turner.

In Brief:

The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts perform Motown favorites including their hit “Do You Love Me” at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*.

Performers: The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts

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

Date & Time: Thur. & Fri., August 30 & 31, 8 p.m.

Repertoire: Selections will be announced from the stage

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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