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Hoosier Singer-Songwriter Jon McLaughlin Returns to Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Stage

INDIANAPOLIS- Singer-songwriter Jon McLaughlin and his band will make a return appearance to Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* for a pair of concerts on Saturday and Sunday, September 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater.

Known for his Academy Award-nominated performance of “So Close” for the 2007 animated Disney film *Enchanted*, Hoosier-native McLaughlin went on to produce chart-topping hits such as “Beautiful Disaster” and “Beating My Heart.” His latest album, “Promising Promises,” was released in May 2012. Joining him on stage are Dylan Williams on guitar, Lucas Berridge on bass and his brother Jeff McLaughlin on drums. Last year, McLaughlin performed at Conner Prairie as part of the ISO’s *Concert with a Cause* event to benefit Outreach, Inc.

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 SEPTEMBER 1) 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. Associate sponsors for Jon McLaughlin include Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and Anderson University.

Artist Biography:

Jon McLaughlin's Island Records debut propelled his song, "Beautiful Disaster," up the charts, with "Beating My Heart" following quickly. Hollywood immediately took notice of the young songwriter and didn't stop at just using several of his songs for films and commercials. Jon was offered a role in the hit film *Enchanted*, performing a song that was later nominated for an Academy Award. In 2008, he found himself onstage at the Oscars, reprising the tune in front of 32 million U.S. viewers. In between the hit songs and television appearances, he opened for the likes of Kelly Clarkson, recording with Jason Mraz and writing for other artists.

Inspired by an extraordinarily close relationship with his fans, he left Island to create an album like he had never done before; one that was filled with lyrics that were a part of him. He couldn't shake his need to be completely responsible for the songs he delivered to his extremely loyal fans, and he began writing the new songs that would fill *Forever if Ever*. Jon began producing, experimented with equipment, and he wrote exactly what he wanted to. Perhaps most importantly, he recorded with the musicians he'd been touring with not only his entire career, but his entire musical life.

Forever if Ever is filled with powerful, agonizing, gut-wrenching songs about love and loss. The galvanizing pain of lost love is particularly poignant on "These Crazy Times," written after oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Jon's lyrics are graceful and angry, despondent and incredulous as he struggles to find meaning in the death of his cousin, Adam, who was on the oilrig when it exploded.

In Brief:

Hoosier pop rock singer and songwriter Jon McLaughlin returns with his band and other special guests to the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre.

Performers: Jon McLaughlin (vocals and piano), Dylan Williams (guitar), Lucas Berridge (bass), Jeff McLaughlin (drums)

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

Date & Time: Saturday and Sunday, September 1-2, 2012 – 8 p.m.

Repertoire: Selections to 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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