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***Beatlemania Artists, Classical Mystery Tour, Return to Marsh Symphony on the Prairie for Beatles Tribute Concerts August 17-18***

INDIANAPOLIS – Back for the fifth year in a row, cast members of the Broadway hit show *Beatlemania*, known as *Classical Mystery Tour*, will perform hits by the legendary British rock 'n' roll band The Beatles at *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie*, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra does not perform in these concerts.

As a tribute to The Fab Four, *Classical Mystery Tour* features more than 30 songs from a wide variety of Beatles albums. The concert will include tunes from the Beatles' early years through each of The Fab Four's respective solo careers, performed as they were written. Since its creation in 1996, *Classical Mystery Tour* has performed sold-out shows as a stand-alone band and with renowned orchestras such as the Indianapolis Symphony, Boston Pops, the Philly Pops with Peter Nero, members of the Houston Grand Opera Orchestra, and the Dallas, Detroit, Oregon, St. Louis, Milwaukee and Utah Symphony Orchestras. The artists of *Classical Mystery Tour* are Jim Owen (John Lennon), Tony Kishman (Paul McCartney), John Brosnan (George Harrison) and Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr).

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](http://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 17) 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*. Associate Sponsors for *Classical Mystery Tour - A Tribute to the Beatles* are Erie Insurance, Wells Fargo, DCG: Digital Color Graphics, OneAmerica Financial Partners, Ice Miller, LLP, Regions Bank, Pizzology, REI Construction, three-sixty group, Indianapolis Power & Light Company and Lockhart Cadillac.

### **Artist Biographies:**

**Jim Owen** (John Lennon) was born and raised in Huntington Beach, California. He began studying piano at six and won honors in various piano performance competitions through his teenage years. He was eight years old when he first heard The Beatles and promptly decided to take up the study of the guitar. His first professional performance as a Beatle was at 16. At age 18, he began touring internationally with various productions of *Beatlemania*, visiting Japan, Korea, China, Canada, Mexico and much of South America. In 1996, Owen pursued his idea to produce a new Beatles show with an orchestra: *Classical Mystery Tour* was born.

Singer/Songwriter **Tony Kishman** (Paul McCartney) was born in Tucson, Arizona, where he began his musical career in the early 1970s. Kishman dabbled with the guitar for many years but only started pursuing it seriously at 19 when he began performing. Early influences include Wishbone Ash, Bad Company and Peter Frampton. Kishman has played bass and guitar in the national and international tours of *Beatlemania*, *Legends in Concert* in Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe, and the classic supergroup Wishbone Ash for their European tour and recording of their 18<sup>th</sup> album.

**John Brosnan** (George Harrison) is a songwriter and musician from London, England. He grew up in Melbourne, where he studied classical piano, performance and theory at the Conservatorium of Music. By age 18, guitar was his primary instrument, and he began playing in pit orchestras and original bands, many of which achieved music chart success in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States. Brosnan first took on the role of Harrison in 2000 and he has toured internationally with various Beatle productions. In addition to performing in *Classical Mystery Tour*, John also runs a music and film production company in the UK.

**Chris Camilleri** (Ringo Starr) was born in Bethpage, New York. An early affinity for the drums paid off during his time as a student when he began to perform with various bands in the New York tri-state area. A founding member of an internationally renowned Beatle cover band in Liverpool, he began performing at *Beatlefest* national conventions in 1979, an engagement that he continues to pursue. Camilleri has performed with many well-known artists such as Mickey Dolenz, Joe Walsh and Billy Squier.

### **In Brief:**

Members from the cast of *Beatlemania* perform four decades of hits in tribute to The Beatles

Performers: *Classical Mystery Tour*

Artists: Jim Owen (John Lennon)

Tony Kishman (Paul McCartney)

John Brosnan (George Harrison)

Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr)

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

Dates & Times: Fri., & Sat., Aug. 17 & 18, 8 p.m.

Repertoire:

An authentic tribute to The Beatles that features the group's hit songs from the early years through their respective solo careers. Classic Beatles tunes are performed as they were originally written by The Fab Four.

**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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