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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Valentine's Day weekend features "The Romantic Violinist" Daniel Hope

Music Director Krzysztof Urbański returns to lead ISO in concerts featuring Beethoven, Bruch and Brahms

INDIANAPOLIS –Works from the Romantic era dominate the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's Valentine's Day weekend of Lilly *Classical Series* concerts, Feb. 14-16. With ISO Music Director Krzysztof Urbański returning to the podium, the ISO welcomes renowned violinist [Daniel Hope](#), whose 2011 CD *The Romantic Violinist* has been called "essential listening" by *Gramophone Magazine*, for three performances next weekend.

The ISO opens the concerts with Beethoven's *Leonore Overture* No. 3, one of four overtures written for his only opera, *Fidelio*. Maestro Urbański then leads the Orchestra in Bruch's Concerto No. 1 in G Minor for Violin and Orchestra, with guest soloist Daniel Hope. Since its premiere in 1866 with noted 19th century virtuoso Joseph Joachim as soloist, the dazzling, three-movement concerto has become a staple in the violin repertoire. After intermission, Urbański and the ISO present Brahms' Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, an emotional work featuring a variety of musical colors, from gentle and playful melodies in the second and third movements to intense and expressive orchestral writing in the powerful and majestic first and final movements.

The ISO is offering patrons a catered, pre-concert dinner in the Hilbert Circle Theatre Wood Room overlooking Monument Circle for Valentine's weekend performances. Reservations can be made by calling the ISO Box Office at (317) 639-4300. After the evening concerts, patrons are encouraged to stay for *Reverb*, featuring complimentary wine provided by Tastings.

Ticket prices for the 11 a.m. KeyBank *Coffee Classical Series* concert on Feb. 14 range from \$20-\$46 each. For the Friday and Saturday evening performances at 8 p.m., tickets range from \$20 to \$75 each and may be ordered by calling the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300, in person, or online by visiting www.IndianapolisSymphony.org. To order by telephone outside of Indianapolis, call toll free (800) 366-8457.

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For evening performances, patrons are invited to attend *Words on Music*, a 30-minute pre-concert talk that features musicians, guest artists and conductors.

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