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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra partners with Buckingham Companies to make CityWay and The Alexander “Home to ISO Artists...Where music and culture reside”

Vibrant CityWay and The Alexander serve as home of ISO Music Director and guest artists

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and Buckingham Companies announced today that they have finalized their significant partnership to establish CityWay as the American home of Music Director Krzysztof Urbanski and lodging for guest conductors and visiting artists at The Alexander. The collaboration represents a \$100,000 commitment from Buckingham Companies and Buckingham Foundation to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and further demonstrates the company and foundation’s support of downtown Indianapolis’ cultural community.

“Buckingham Companies and Buckingham Foundation are excited about this opportunity to partner with and support the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra,” Buckingham Companies President and CEO Brad Chambers said. “Art and music are integral to a community’s quality of life and fit well into our corporate mission. Our focus on art and innovation at CityWay and in The Alexander makes our support for the ISO a natural fit.”

The yearly sponsorship includes funding and in-kind services, including an apartment for the ISO’s Music Director and other accommodations in CityWay, the new four-block downtown Indianapolis neighborhood composed of apartments, retail, office spaces, a public plaza and a luxury hotel, The Alexander. In a nod to CityWay’s focus on art and the Indianapolis Museum of Art-curated art program at The Alexander, the sponsorship dubs CityWay and The Alexander as the “Home of ISO Artists...Where music and culture reside.”

When Krzysztof Urbanski is not conducting in Indianapolis, the CityWay apartment serves as the guest residence for the ISO’s roster of distinguished visiting conductors, soloists and artists from New Amsterdam, the ISO’s new partner in music innovation. Utilizing CityWay’s contemporary, furnished living spaces as well as rooms in The Alexander allows the ISO to better meet the needs of its distinguished artists and provides a cost-savings to the Orchestra.

“CityWay and The Alexander provide the perfect welcome to our international and nationally-renowned guest artists,” said Gary Ginstling, CEO of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and also a current resident of CityWay, thanks to the partnership. “We deeply appreciate Buckingham Companies’ generosity to the ISO and its ‘Life’ campaign and greatly appreciate their commitment to the arts in Indianapolis.”

To complement the partnership, the ISO is using the opportunity to engage CityWay residents and The Alexander guests with the Orchestra’s offerings. For example, ISO’s string trio and artists-in-residence Time for Three (Zach De Pue, Nick Kendall and Ranaan Meyer) will regularly perform at various times during their residency weeks at CityWay’s public plaza and Plat 99 mixology bar, and residents and guests will receive advance promotional information and discounts to select ISO concerts.

“When my wife Joanna and I first toured the apartments at CityWay a few months ago, I knew this would be the perfect ‘American home’ for us,” said Mr. Urbański. “Everything we need is right here; and of course, the location is so convenient, since I can walk to the Orchestra’s home at the Hilbert Circle Theatre. Most importantly, we would like to thank Buckingham Foundation for its generous support of our great Orchestra.”

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About Buckingham Companies

Founded in 1984, Buckingham is a full service, fully integrated, real estate company that includes the development, acquisition, management and construction of a wide range of property types including multifamily, student housing and mixed-use communities. Buckingham manages nearly \$1 billion of real estate assets for its own account, clients and institutional partners. Buckingham has managed more than 90 properties consisting of nearly 20 million square-feet of property and approximately 15,000 rental units nationwide. Additionally, Buckingham Foundation annually supports more than 45 nonprofit and civic organizations through philanthropic outreach in the areas of affordable housing, community and economic development, and arts and culture. For more information, visit www.buckingham-co.com.

About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1930, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is the largest performing arts organization in Indiana and serves a broad spectrum of audiences with its classical, pops, family and holiday performances as well as its educational and outreach initiatives.

Krzysztof Urbański became the seventh Music Director in the ISO’s history in 2011 and is the youngest conductor in North American to hold such a post. Urbański joins the Orchestra’s renowned leadership team of Jack Everly, Principal Pops Conductor, and Raymond Leppard, Conductor Laureate. Concertmaster Zach De Pue joined the ISO in 2007, and in 2009, De Pue’s string trio Time for Three became the ISO’s first ever ensemble-in-residence. The group has successfully re-created the ISO’s Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony* series and has performed in traditional and non-traditional venues throughout central Indiana. In 2013, the ISO became the first orchestra to partner with an artist-services organization/record label – New Amsterdam – in order to showcase the new musical vocabulary of NewAm’s classically-trained composers and artists.

Courtesy of a major grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc, the ISO will be updating its historic, downtown home at the Hilbert Circle Theatre with new seating in the fall of 2013. The ISO can be heard in the hall, in the community and around the world through its extensive music library at InstantEncore.com.