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Hit Beatles Tribute Band *Classical Mystery Tour* concludes 2013 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Season with three performances Labor Day weekend

INDIANAPOLIS – The critically-acclaimed and ever-popular Beatles tribute band, *Classical Mystery Tour*, will perform Friday through Sunday of Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1, at 8 p.m. to conclude the 2013 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* concert series.

Classical Mystery Tour artists Jim Owen (John Lennon), Tony Kishman (Paul McCartney), David John (George Harrison) and Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr) present more than 30 songs from a wide variety of Beatles albums. The concert includes tunes from the Beatles' early years through the musicians' respective solo careers, performed as they were written. Since its creation in 1996, *Classical Mystery Tour* has performed sold-out shows across the country and has appeared on the Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* stage for the past six years.

The gates to the amphitheater will open at 6 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$29 in advance and \$32 at the gate for adults, with children's prices (ages 2-12) at \$12 in advance and \$14 at the gate. Tickets may be purchased at any Marsh, MainStreet or O'Malia's supermarket location, by calling the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300, toll free at (800) 366-8457, or by visiting the ISO's website at www.IndianapolisSymphony.org. Premium parking passes may be purchased for \$20 each exclusively through the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office.

Patrons can bring their own food, beverages (including alcohol) and blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy picnicking to the music on the beautiful natural grass amphitheater or reserve a table for only \$79 with seating for up to 10 people near the stage.

If rain is possible on concert days, the public can stay up-to-date by listening to radio station WIBC (93.1 FM), the official station for Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* weather and traffic. 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 of the entire 2013 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* season and St. Vincent Health is the Premiere Sponsor for the summer series. Barefoot Wine is the official wine sponsor of Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*, and Erie Insurance provides Seriously Good seating upgrades at most shows. Associate Sponsors for this weekend are Erie Insurance, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, Dow AgroSciences, IceMiller LLP, Indiana American Water, Indiana Members Credit Union, IPL, OneAmerica and Pizzology.

Artist Biographies

Jim Owen (John Lennon, Rhythm Guitar, Piano, Vocals) was born and raised in Huntington Beach, California. He gained rich musical experience from his father, who played music from the classics for him on the piano, and from his extensive library of recordings by the great classical artists. Owen began studying piano at age 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 decided to take up the study of the guitar. His first professional performance as a Beatles tribute performer was at 16, and 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 began working on his idea for a new show with orchestra. It has long been his dream to share with the public live performances of some of the greatest music ever written and recorded. Classical Mystery Tour is the result.

Singer/songwriter **Tony Kishman** (Paul McCartney, Bass Guitar, Piano, Vocals) was born in Tucson, Arizona, where he began his musical career in the early 1970s. Although he had been playing guitar for a number of years, it was not until age 19 that he started performing seriously. Kishman's early influences included Wishbone Ash, Bad Company and Peter Frampton. From 1973-1978, he played guitar in the group Cheap Trix, a cover band performing Top 40 as well as originals. Starting in 1979, Kishman played bass and guitar for six years as Paul McCartney in both the national and international tours of *Beatlemania*. He then went on to perform in *Legends in Concert* and produced shows that ran in Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe. He joined the classic super-group Wishbone Ash for a tour of Europe and the recording of the group's 18th album.

David John (George Harrison, Lead Guitar, Vocals), originally from Nebraska and now living in Salt Lake City, Utah, has been performing in various musical acts since the age of 17. From rock, blues, country, progressive and guitar orchestra pit, he has shared the stage with such notable names as the Beach Boys, Chicago, Peter Noone & Herman's Hermits, Young Rascals, Glen Campbell, America, Kansas, Styx, Peter Frampton, Hall & Oates, Hootie & the Blowfish, John Waite, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and the Temptations. But his main musical love captured his attention when The Beatles performed in America for the first time on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Inspired by what he saw and heard, John focused on singing and playing guitar and feels privileged to portray the "quiet, spiritual one" in the group. Since 1993, he has taken the stage with a variety of Beatles tribute bands, but especially enjoys teaming up with a full orchestra to authentically reproduce the original recordings in a live concert setting. David loves to present Harrison's guitar arrangements in their articulate detail.

Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr, Drums, Vocals), was born and raised on Long Island, New York. He had a convenient drum teacher – his dad. He started listening to Beatles records at a young age and for many years played drums and sang along to the recordings. Gradually, Camilleri gravitated to progressive rock bands, but he retained a fondness for The Beatles and eventually formed the internationally-renowned Beatles cover band Liverpool, which still reunites to perform at the Fests For Beatles Fans (formerly Beatlefest). He has played drums for a variety of touring artists, including Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits, Badfinger, Micky Dolenz, Joe Walsh and other Beatles-era bands. He became a good friend and musical associate to Harry Nilsson, who was a contemporary and close friend to all the individual Beatles. In addition to The Beatles, his musical influences include Jethro Tull, Genesis, ELP and David Bowie. When not playing music, Camilleri has an active commercial and voice-over career. While he doesn't have a favorite Beatles song in the Classical Mystery Tour show, he admits he favors the material that

features the full orchestra. “It’s like playing in my living room at age 13 again – there’s the wonderful ‘pop’ music, but with this huge orchestral background, which is just as important to the tune as the band. It’s completely enlightening.”

In Brief:

Classical Mystery Tour returns for the 6th consecutive year to perform three concerts over Labor Day weekend, concluding the 2013 Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* season.

Performers: Classical Mystery Tour

Artists: Jim Owen (John Lennon)

Tony Kishman (Paul McCartney)

David John (George Harrison)

Chris Camilleri (Ringo Starr)

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

Date & Time: Fri.-Sun., Aug. 30-31 & Sept. 1, 8 p.m.

Repertoire: Music of the Beatles

Tickets:

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