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Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Makes Tour Stop at Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* August 16-17

INDIANAPOLIS – The hit swing revival band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy returns to perform at the Conner Prairie Amphitheater for Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17, at 8 p.m. as a part of its celebratory 20th anniversary tour.

Since 1993, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy has been performing music in the style of the beloved swing era and playing gigs ranging from nightclubs in Los Angeles to the Super Bowl halftime show. This summer, the band is back on tour promoting its newly released album *Rattle Them Bones* and will perform many hit songs such as “Why Me,” “Diga Diga Do” and “The Jitters” in addition to music from the new album. The ISO does not perform in this concert weekend.

The gates to the amphitheater will open at 6 p.m. each evening. Tickets are priced at \$23 in advance and \$28 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 \$59 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, Fifth Third Bank, IceMiller LLP, Indiana Spine Group, and Indiana Utility Shareholders Association.

Artist Biographies

2013 marks the 20th anniversary of Big **Bad Voodoo Daddy**'s remarkable arrival onto the music scene.

In its first years, having secured its legendary residency at the Derby nightclub in Los Angeles, it reminded the world that it was still cool to swing, big band style. Today, the high-energy, nine-piece ensemble continues the party with the release of *Rattle Them Bones*, the follow-up to *How Big Can You Get?: The Music of Cab Calloway*.

The world knows the essential story of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Co-founded by Scotty Morris and drummer Kurt Sodergren, BBVD made its debut in its hometown of Ventura, California, in April 1993, helping to usher in the swing revival founded on a colorful fusion of classic American sounds, including jazz, swing and Dixieland, mixed with the energy and spirit of contemporary culture. The group's core lineup has been in place since 1995 and includes Scotty Morris (lead vocals and guitar), Kurt Sodergren (drums and percussion), Dirk Shumaker (double bass and vocals), Andy Rowley (baritone saxophone and vocals), Glen "The Kid" Marhevka (trumpet), Karl Hunter (saxophones and clarinet) and Joshua Levy (piano and arranger). Joining them on the road are Anthony Bonsera Jr. (lead trumpet) and Alex Henderson (trombone).

The band has built a career through touring and an impressive discography that includes the platinum selling *Americana Deluxe* and follows *This Beautiful Life*, *Save My Soul* and *Everything You Want For Christmas*. Its music has appeared in countless films, television shows and trailers, including *Family Guy*, *Phineas and Ferb*, *Malcolm in the Middle* and *Ally McBeal*, as well as *Dancing With the Stars* and *So You Think You Can Dance*. The band's songs have also been featured in multiple Olympic gymnastics and figure skating routines (including Carly Patterson's 2004 gold medal win) and have been widely used for years as part of television broadcasts of high profile sporting events including the NFL, NBA, MLB and PGA.

The band's television appearances include *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* and *Last Call with Carson Daly* (for which the band wrote and recorded the show's theme song). The band has played private events for three of the last four presidents as well as events at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy hit pop music superstardom with its appearance in front of millions during the halftime show of the 1999 Super Bowl, while their 2003 New Orleans-inspired album, *Save My Soul*, shifted focus to playing theaters, performing arts centers and large outdoor venues, including the Hollywood Bowl, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Lincoln Center and Constitution Hall. The band has appeared as a special guest with many of the great American symphony orchestras, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra and U.S. Air Force Band.

In Brief:

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy performs in Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* concerts as part of its 20th anniversary tour. (The ISO does not perform during this concert weekend).

Performers: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

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

Date & Time: Fri. & Sat., Aug. 16 & 17, 8 p.m.

Repertoire: Rattle Them Bones: 20th Anniversary Tour

Tickets:

Adults - \$23 (Advance); \$28 (At Gate)

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