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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra celebrates new season with free “Community Day” Sept. 21 from 2-6 p.m.

Highlights include performances by ISO musicians, kid-friendly activities, on-site Yuletide Celebration ticket purchasing and a free concert featuring Krzysztof Urbański and the ISO at 5 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is opening its doors to the entire community on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 2-6 p.m. for a celebration of its opening season and to thank its patrons, fans, donors and sponsors for the extraordinary support it has received this past year. The day will include a wide range of events and activities, culminating in a free concert featuring the ISO and Music Director Krzysztof Urbański. Admission to all events, including the ISO concert, is free.

Guests to the ISO’s “Community Day” will experience various ensembles of the Orchestra performing inside and outside the Hilbert Circle Theatre throughout the day, musical activities for all ages, special meet-and-greets with ISO musicians, a Wurlitzer Organ demonstration on stage, “pop-up” performances by artists-in-residence Time for Three, opportunities to go backstage at the theater and chances to win prize packages including classical, pops and family subscriptions and more. Patrons will also be given the chance to buy Duke Energy *Yuletide Celebration* tickets 10 days in advance of the general on-sale date (on-site purchasing only).

“Community Day” culminates at 5 p.m. with a free Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra performance of Tchaikovsky’s *Romeo and Juliet* Overture and Brahms’ Symphony No. 2 with Maestro Urbański on the podium. After the concert, patrons are welcome to meet and mingle with musicians and stay for *Reverb*, a wine sampling event in the lobby.

“It is important to me that we open our season by inviting the community into our home to experience our music and musicians like never before,” said Gary Ginstling, CEO of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. “We look forward to welcoming longtime ISO fans and first-timers alike to come down to the Hilbert Circle Theatre and sample all the ISO has to offer. We hope this first ‘Community Day’ is the start of a new annual ISO tradition.”

“Community Day” is part of the ISO’s opening weekend of the 2013-14 season. The traditional *Opening Night Gala* is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 21 and will feature the ISO, Krzysztof Urbanski and acclaimed violinist Hilary Hahn. For tickets to *Opening Night Gala* or for more information on “Community Day,” call the ISO Box Office at (317) 639-4300 or visit www.IndianapolisSymphony.org.

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