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Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra launches *Lunch Break* concert series at Hilbert Circle Theatre this summer

With support from the Efroymsen Family Fund and the Margot L. Eccles Arts & Culture Fund, ISO to perform during lunch hour on four Thursdays: June 19, June 26, July 3 and July 10

All tickets only \$5 per person and patrons may bring their own lunches

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announced today the launch of a new concert series this summer at its Hilbert Circle Theatre home, designed specifically for the busy, downtown lunch crowd. The ISO's *Lunch Break* series offers patrons the opportunity to escape the summer heat, bring their lunch and enjoy a brief, informal symphony performance at an affordable price.

Funded by a generous grant from the Efroymsen Family Fund and the Margot L. Eccles Arts & Culture Fund, the ISO's *Lunch Break* concerts will be held on four Thursdays: **June 19, June 26, July 3 and July 10**. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and the 30-40 minute performance will begin at 12:15 p.m. All seats are \$5 and concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own lunches. Programs will include a wide range of pieces demonstrating the virtuosity and versatility of the ISO, from Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Beethoven's Seventh Symphony to a selection of patriotic favorites.

For those who want to purchase a lunch before attending the performance, the ISO is collaborating with the Indy Food Truck Association to park various food truck vendors along Monument Circle for convenient options for concertgoers. In addition, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail will help ensure that bike racks within

steps of the theater are available for anyone traveling to the concert via the new Indiana Pacers Bikeshare program.

“We’re thrilled to offer an affordable opportunity for our downtown neighbors, workers and visitors to experience the magnificent Indianapolis Symphony in the Hilbert Circle Theatre this summer,” said Gary Ginstling, CEO of the ISO. “Our goal is simple: to share the power of a live symphony orchestra with our downtown community in a fun and accessible way.”

“Downtown Indy is a richer place to live and work with the Indianapolis Symphony on our beloved Monument Circle,” said Sherry Seiwert, president of Indianapolis Downtown, Inc. “We encourage those who work Downtown to bring/buy a lunch and head to the Hilbert Circle Theatre for a live performance by our renowned Orchestra. It’s one of the outstanding benefits of working Downtown and it sure beats eating at your desk!”

For more information, call the ISO Box Office at (317) 639-4300 or visit www.IndianapolisSymphony.org. The ISO’s *Lunch Break* series media sponsor is WIBC.

ISO’s Lunch Break Series at the Hilbert Circle Theatre

Thursday, June 19: Great American Classics featuring Gershwin’s *Rhapsody in Blue*

David Glover, Conductor

Eric Zuber, Piano

Thursday, June 26: The Power of Russia featuring Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto

David Glover, Conductor

Nathan Meltzer, Violin

Thursday, July 3: A Musical Salute to America

Alfred Savia, Conductor

Thursday, July 10: Beethoven's Seventh Symphony

Teddy Abrams, Conductor

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