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Star studded line-up for Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra 2016 Opening Night Gala includes Broadway star Megan Hilty and Actor George Takei

Also scheduled to perform are Indianapolis native Angela Brown, ISO Concertmaster Zach DePue and Pink Martini's Thomas Lauderdale

Table packages for annual fundraising event now available; single tickets go on sale to ISO to the general public today

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra today announced Broadway and television star Megan Hilty, recently nominated for a Tony Award, will be performing as a featured guest artist for its annual Opening Night Gala, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, at the Hilbert Circle Theatre.

Conducted by Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, this year's Opening Night Gala celebrates Indiana's bicentennial with songs by Hoosier legends Cole Porter and Hoagy Carmichael and a film score tribute to the 100th year of the Hilbert Circle Theatre.

Hilty will be joined on stage by a veritable who's who of film, orchestra and opera talent, including actor, author and activist George Takei who will narrate a special performance of Copland's Lincoln Portrait. Other special guests include soprano and Indianapolis native Angela Brown, ISO Concertmaster Zach De Pue, and pianist Thomas Lauderdale, music director and founder of Pink Martini. Lauderdale will perform an early Gershwin work that coincides with the Hilbert Circle Theatre's centennial.

As an anticipated sellout performance, the ISO is offering early bird pricing for corporate tables of eight, which include valet parking, priority seating and a post-concert reception and dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, now through June 15.

Opening Night Gala is presented by the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation. Dinner entertainment is sponsored by SEI Investments. Additional support of the ISO is provided by Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis; National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works; and the Indiana Arts Commission. Proceeds from the Gala dinner benefit the ISO's Annual Fund.

For table reservation information, call (317) 262-5225. Visit www.indianapolissymphony.org or call the Box Office at (317) 639-4300 or 800-366-8457.

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