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## **Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announces performances for the 36<sup>th</sup> season of *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie***

*Season kicks off with Beethoven's Fifth on June 16*

*Founding member of the Beach Boys brings tour to the Prairie for two nights in August*

*Performances include a tribute to the Summer of Love, the music of Star Wars, and four nights of the Star Spangled Symphony*

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 22, 2016)—The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra announced the 36<sup>th</sup> season of *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* today, with a line-up that will take patrons on a musical tour of the past six decades and back to the early 1800s.

The full orchestra kicks off the 12-week season on June 16 with four of perhaps the most well-known notes in classical music—the opening to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Other season highlights include two special performances by the founding member of the Beach Boys, a tribute to the Eagles, a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summer of Love, and 20 years of Doo Wop classics.

*Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* 2017 also includes a weekend of movie scores for some of the highest grossing films of all time and four nights of Star Spangled Symphony concerts, July 1-4. An estimated 25,000 people are expected to attend these traditional Fourth of July concerts.

Two tribute bands make their Conner Prairie debut this summer—Rumours: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, and Zoso, who has been billed as the “Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience.”

Marsh Supermarkets has served as the Title Sponsor for *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* since its inception in 1982.

Discount value packs and season table subscriptions and premium parking are on sale now. Single tickets go on sale April 24 at 10 a.m. The full season line-up is listed below.

### **2017 Marsh Symphony on the Prairie Schedule\***

Unless otherwise specified, gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m.

June 16-17

*Teachers' Night—Friday, June 16*

#### **Beethoven's Fifth**

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra opens the 36<sup>th</sup> season of *Marsh Symphony on the Prairie* with what is probably the most beloved musical composition in the western world. Enjoy our summer kickoff with a fantastic evening of classical favorites, from those first four iconic notes of Beethoven's Symphony No.5, to a plethora of other well-known works.

June 23

#### **One of These Nights: A Tribute to the Eagles**

This one-night only show pays tribute to the Eagles and founding member, Glenn Fry, who passed away last year. Celebrate the band's many hits, including "Heartache Tonight," "Desperado," and "Hotel California," among others. The ISO does not perform at this concert.

June 24

#### **Feeling Groovy: Remembering the Summer of Love**

Although it has been 50 years since an estimated 100,000 people descended on San Francisco for the Summer of Love in 1967, the music of that time remains timeless. Celebrate it all again—from Cream and Jefferson Airplane to the Mamas and the Papas and Stevie Wonder—with the ISO.

July 1-4

*Salute to America's Military—All four nights!*

#### **Star Spangled Symphony**

Bring a picnic and wear your red, white, and blue for the ISO's annual patriotic celebration of America. The ISO will salute all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces each night. This summertime tradition features symphony favorites, including Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* complete with real cannons, and spectacular fireworks to cap off each concert. This is a premium-priced concert. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. each night.

July 7-8

#### **Romance Under the Stars**

What is more romantic than the two star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet? The ISO performs several variations on this famous tale from Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, and Gounod, as well as other classical works with love themes.

July 15-16

#### **John Williams Strikes Back**

Join the ISO as it performs an array of John Williams' movie music, including the historic and popular *Star Wars* scores. Williams composed all the music for the "Star Wars" franchise including the original movie, which was named the greatest American film score of all time by the American Film Institute.

July 21-22

*Scout Night presented by Printing Partners—Friday, July 21*

**Just the Hits: 20 Years of Doo Wop Classics**

The harmonies of Doo Wop will fill the night sky as the ISO performs some of the biggest hits of the 50s and 60s, including favorites from the Temptations, Four Seasons, the Satins, and the Platters.

Boy and Girl Scouts under age 18 and Scout Leaders in uniform will receive free admission on Friday, July 21, with the donation of a one-pound box of spaghetti.

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***The ISO does not perform at the following concerts.***

July 28-29

*First Responders' Night—Friday, July 28*

**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy returns to the Conner Prairie stage with its high-voltage sound and feel-good energy. The band is known for its unique blend of jazz, swing, Dixieland, and big band that gets the whole family up and dancing.

Aug. 4-5

**The Beach Boys**

Captained by founding member Mike Love, the Beach Boys take the stage for a very special weekend of legendary hits and new songs. The band that captured the "California Sound" brings decades of hit singles and an all-star lineup to Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie*; you'll forget you're landlocked with a "Fun, Fun, Fun" night of surf rock! This is a premium-priced concert.

Aug. 11-12

**Classical Mystery Tour: Music of the Beatles**

Classical Mystery Tour returns with their annual Marsh *Symphony on the Prairie* tribute to the Beatles. The night includes more than two dozen Beatles tunes performed exactly as they were originally recorded, from the early Beatles on through "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and "Let It Be." This is a premium-priced concert.

Aug. 18-19

*College and Alumni Night—Friday, Aug. 18*

**Rumours: The Fleetwood Mac Experience**

Let the Rumours Tribute Band take you back to a time when the music was magic and rock bands knew how to put on a show. From its period-accurate equipment to authentic costumes, the band will help audiences relive the mystic music of Fleetwood Mac.

Wear your school colors to the concert on Friday night and cheer along as the fight songs from many Indiana universities are played after intermission.

Aug. 25-26

*Nurse's Night—Friday, Aug. 25*

**Who's Bad: Music of Michael Jackson**

Due to popular demand, the Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band is back for another performance of the chart-topping music and jaw-dropping dance moves of the undisputed King of Pop. Sing and dance along with them to your favorite Michael Jackson hits, such as "Beat It," "Thriller," and so many more!

Aug. 31-Sept. 1

**TBA**

Sept. 2-3

**Zoso: Music of Led Zeppelin**

For nearly 20 years, Zoso has embodied the spirit of Led Zeppelin while also capturing the power and passion of the band's music. Having performed more than 2,400 live shows around the world, this "Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience" makes its Conner Prairie debut to close out the season.

\*Artists, repertoire, and times subject to change.

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**10-Ticket Value Packs**

Now until April 3, Value Packs (10 concert tickets) can be purchased for \$195, a 45 percent savings from the regular gate price. Value Packs increase in price to \$220 beginning April 4, 2017. Value Pack tickets may be used for any concert, including Star Spangled Symphony and other premium shows.

Value Packs may be purchased in person at the ISO Box Office, by phone at 317.639.4300, or [online](#).

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**Premium Concert Weekends**

All performances of the Star Spangled Symphony, Beach Boys, and Classical Mystery Tour: Music of the Beatles are considered premium concerts. Advance single tickets for these popular concerts can be purchased at the ISO Box Office or online for \$35/adults and \$13/children. Premium concert gate prices are \$42/adults and \$15/children. Tables for premium weekends are \$99 each.

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**Upgrade the Prairie Experience**

The ISO Sunset Lounge presented by Terry Lee Hyundai and Terry Lee Genesis returns this year with the ultimate concert upgrade. Lounge tickets are \$50 (\$60 for Premium Concert weekends) and include exclusive access to a VIP lounge area located next to the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre stage, private bathrooms, a \$10 voucher to purchase food and drink, and occasional artist meet and greets. Lounge patrons also have access to a special parking area allowing for quick entry and exit.

Season table subscriptions, with seating up to 10, are available now for \$650 for the entire season, a nearly 30 percent discount compared to single table prices. Tables are located at the front of the general admission seating area and offer a great view of the concert.

Discounted premium parking subscriptions are also available for \$268 for the season, providing easy-access parking for one show of each concert. Premium parking is also available for individual concerts, ranging in price from \$28 to \$45.

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