



Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Announces Diverse Concert Lineup, Experience Enhancements for 38th Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* Season

Smokey Robinson, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, Kenny G, and Wynonna join the ISO's concert roster

LED Screens, Reserved Seating to provide new audience experiences

Kroger continues in third season as title sponsor, Huntington Bank joins as presenting sponsor of the ISO Sunset Lounge

(February 8, 2019)— The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra invites audiences to join in on “A Whole New Summer” as a bold lineup and audience perks are announced for the 2019 summer season. Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* is expanding to more than 30 concerts in its 38th year, and several new amenities will be available to patrons at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre.

This beloved summer tradition began in 1982, when Joshua Bell made his professional orchestra debut (at age 14!) in the inaugural concert. In the decades that followed, *Symphony on the Prairie* has grown from a handful of performances to a three-month celebration of the diverse musical tastes of Central Indiana.

“We’re bringing an enhanced summer series to the Prairie while maintaining the beloved traditions our patrons have come to expect,” said Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra CEO James Johnson. “The ISO is looking forward to seeing plenty of familiar faces – from families who have been attending for decades – together with the new faces of those who have not yet experienced our performances, but are energized by our new concert offerings.”

With concerts including Motown legend Smokey Robinson, Scotty McCreery, Trombone Shorty, Kenny G, En Vogue, and 10 fantastic orchestra concerts (including the always popular *Star-Spangled Symphony*), there is something for every musical taste on this year’s lineup on the Prairie.

2019 Kroger Symphony on the Prairie Schedule

June 7 – **All Star Jam: The Music of Journey, Chicago, Kansas, and More**

June 8 – **Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue**

June 13 – **Mozart, Prokofiev, and More** conducted by Jacob Joyce*

June 14 & 15 – **The Music of Queen***

June 22 – **En Vogue**

June 27 – **Tchaikovsky’s Fifth** conducted by Gemma New*

June 28 – **The Music of The Rolling Stones***

June 29 – **Tower of Power**

July 3–5 – **Star-Spangled Symphony** conducted by Alfred Savia*

July 6 – Denita Asberry as **Aretha Franklin**

July 12 & 13 – **Broadway Hits** conducted by Jack Everly*

July 19 – **Wynonna & The Big Noise**

July 20 – **Voice of Elvis** featuring Doug Church
August 2 – **Boogie Wonder Band**
August 3 – **Smokey Robinson**
August 9 – **I'm With Her**
August 10 – **Scotty McCreery**
August 16 – **Music of ABBA**
August 17 – **The Wichita Lineman & The Southern Knights**: Music of Glen Campbell
August 23 – **Night Fever: The Bee Gees Tribute**
August 24 – **Fleetwood Mac Mania**
August 29 – **My Sinatra** starring Cary Hoffman
August 30 – **The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute**
August 31 – **Zoso: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience**
September 1 – **Floyd Factor**: A Pink Floyd Tribute
September 6 – **Kenny G**
September 7 – **Face 2 Face**: Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John

Gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m. each night

*Denotes concerts featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Artists, repertoire, and times subject to change. Stay tuned for additional concert announcements!

Now until March 31, Value Packs (10 concert tickets) can be purchased for \$230, more than \$190 in savings from the regular gate price. Value Packs increase in price beginning April 1. Value Pack tickets may be used for lawn entry to any concert in 2019.

In addition to an expansion of the concert lineup, visitors to Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* will notice several new and improved amenities for an outstanding evening.

New in 2019: Screens!

Get ready for an entirely new feel at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre – we're adding three large LED screens to enhance your concert view! Every location on the lawn is enhanced with 8-meter screens on either side of the stage, and a 6-meter screen farther back on the lawn near the playground area.

New in 2019: Reserved Seating and Tables

For fans looking to get up close and personal with their favorite acts, select concerts will feature a reserved seating section located on the area directly in front of the stage. This is your chance to guarantee your spot right in front of the action! Up to 250 seats will be available in this exclusive area.

Our table seating is a favorite for many patrons at the Prairie, and the experience is getting even better this year! To enhance the evening for both our reserved seating and table areas, there will be exclusive restrooms and bar service available only to patrons in these sections. Stay tuned for more details!

Reserved seating tickets and table reservations go on sale April 1 at 10 a.m.

The ISO Sunset Lounge presented by Huntington Bank

The ISO Sunset Lounge presented by Huntington Bank returns this year with the ultimate concert upgrade and a new sponsor! Lounge tickets include exclusive access to a covered lounge area, private bathrooms, and access to a special parking area allowing for quick entry and exit. Please note that your lounge ticket includes your admission ticket and there is no need to purchase a general admission ticket.

ISO Sunset Lounge tickets will go on sale April 1 at 10 a.m.

Parking

Reserved parking, providing easy-access parking, is available for individual concerts. Prices vary from \$20 to \$50. If purchasing reserved parking for 10 or more performances, reserved parking passes are only \$25 per performance.

Reserved parking passes will go on sale April 1 at 10 a.m.

Group Sales

Groups of 30 or more may purchase discounted tickets to Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* for just \$25. For group sales, contact ISO Director of Sales Joshua Shuck at (317) 231-6788 or at jshuck@IndianapolisSymphony.org.

ISO donors, subscribers, sponsors, and groups will have access to a presale for reserved seating, ISO Sunset Lounge, and reserved parking beginning Monday, March 18.

Single Tickets

Single tickets for Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* concerts go on sale April 1 at 10 a.m.; in addition to purchasing online or at the Box Office on Monument Circle, tickets may be purchased at Central Indiana Kroger locations.

For more information on any Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra indoor or outdoor presentations, contact the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at (317) 639-4300 or online at IndianapolisSymphony.org.

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About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra:

Under the leadership of Music Director Krzysztof Urbanski and Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra has become a leading orchestra in the nation with its commitment to artistic excellence, diverse and creative programming inside and outside its historic Hilbert Circle Theatre home, its engagement with communities throughout the state of Indiana and its ambitious approaches to music education, performance and collaboration. In the decades since its founding in 1930, the ISO has presented a range of classical, pops, family and holiday programming to hundreds of thousands of people each year; received national and international acclaim with its radio broadcasts, tours and recordings; and became the first major orchestra with a resident ensemble.

The ISO continues to engage new audiences through innovative programming including the Fifth Third Bank *Lunch Break Series* of casual 45-minute performances each summer, the holiday traditions of the IPL *Yuletide Celebration*, the Stella Artois *Happy Hour at the Symphony Series*, and the popular Bank of America *Film Series*.

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