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## IT'S CHILLY IN PHILLY, BUT HOT AT THE MANN!

# 2nd Nomination by *Pollstar Magazine* as Best Major North American Outdoor Concert Venue; Early Surge in Ticket Sales Sets Stage for Mann Summer

PHILADELPHIA (Jan. 31, 2012) – Despite winter's chill, the Mann is already a hot ticket for next summer's season.

### Pollstar Names The Mann To Its "Best" List

The Mann's unique blend of rock and classical music has caught fire with national recognition. Its rebirth has made it one of the most important music centers in the country, and here's proof: For the second, consecutive year, Pollstar Magazine has named the Mann as one of its Best Major Outdoor Concert Venues.

"Pollstar once again has confirmed what more and more Philadelphians know – the Mann is one of North America's great live entertainment venues. From serving as a summer home for The Philadelphia Orchestra to hosting the latest indie rock bands, the Mann offers an amazing convergence of great music. If you haven't discovered the Mann, we are working hard to make 2012 your year!" said Catherine M. Cahill, the Mann's president and CEO.

#### Summer Can't Come Fast Enough

The Mann has already announced several shows for its 2012 season, and tickets are selling at a record pace!

#### Shows now on sale:

• The world's foremost crossover classical quartet, **IL DIVO**, comes to the Mann for one show only on Saturday, June 9 at 8 p.m. Ticket info: IL DIVO & Orchestra

- Breakthrough, indie-pop trio Foster The People make their highly anticipated return to
  Philadelphia for an exclusive area performance Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. with special guest
  Tokyo Police Club. Seats under the Mann's signature shed are already sold out! <u>Ticket info:</u>
  Foster The People
- With dynamic and compelling video accompanied by a live symphony orchestra, "The Legend of Zelda™: Symphony of the Goddesses" brings the world's most popular video game series to life at the Mann on Wednesday, July 25 at 8:30 p.m. Every performance to date has sold out early. Ticket info: The Legend of Zelda
- From PBS and *America's Got Talent* to the Mann stage, 11-year-old soprano sensation **Jackie Evancho** brings her Dream With Me tour here on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 8 p.m., accompanied by Symphony Orchestra. <u>Ticket info: Jackie Evancho</u>

Stay tuned for details on soon-to-be-announced shows including the Mann's annual gala concert and Philadelphia on Parade! event, both in May and both free to the public, as well as exceptional series dates for The Philadelphia Orchestra and Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

#### **About the Mann**

As one of the most important outdoor music centers in the country, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts presents top artists in a world-class, entertainment destination in association with AEG Live and Princeton Entertainment. Each summer season, renowned symphony orchestras, iconic rock stars and the latest touring artists in indie rock, hip hop, R&B and pop take the stage here, and today's success is a nod to the venue's storied history. The Mann has been the summer home of The Philadelphia Orchestra since the 1930s and presented critically acclaimed performers in every decade since then. Located in the heart of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, the Mann hosts more than 170,000 visitors annually. Signature concert experiences are surrounded by Philadelphia's stunning nighttime skyline and include seats beneath the Mann's magnificent shed; picnics, blankets and music under the stars on its famous lawn; and dining in Crescendo, the venue's spectacular tented restaurant. For more information, visit www.manncenter.org.