

# INDIGO GIRLS

## FIRST EVER SYMPHONY TOUR

### US 2012 TOUR DATES ANNOUNCED



For the first time ever, Grammy-winning folk duo the **Indigo Girls**, **Amy Ray** and **Emily Saliers**, will embark on a national symphony tour in the US. With 14 albums to their credit and a career that spans decades, the iconic duo continues to challenge themselves creatively, adding to a body of work that contains such hits and fan favorites as “Galileo” and “Love of Our Lives.” For this tour, they’ve brought in musical arrangers **Sean O’Loughlin** (Chris Isaak, Feist, The Decemberists, Josh Ritter) and **Stephen Barber** (Rosanne Cash, Alejandro Escovedo, John Legend) to write orchestral charts for a selection of songs spanning their career, from the 1980s through their most recent release, ***Beauty Queen Sister***, on IG Recordings/ Vanguard.

For Ray and Emily Saliers, who’ve been performing together for over two decades, this is a chance to hear their music performed in a new way and to also bring something special to their fans. It’s an idea they both agree has been a long time coming.

Says **Saliers**, “I was always awed at Paul Buckmaster’s orchestral arrangements for Elton John. Much later on, I was struck by Nanci Griffith’s music when played with an orchestra so I knew it was exciting to hear artists with orchestras. I think Amy and I just decided it was time for us to do it at this point, something new and different and inspiring.”

“It can bring new dimension to old songs as well as highlight songs that have string arrangements on the recordings but were never played live in an orchestrated configuration,” adds **Ray**.

The Indigo Girls first performed with an orchestra back in 2001, doing a series of shows with the Atlanta Ballet called “Shed Your Skin,” which included “a set of songs choreographed with a live band, an orchestra and incredible dancers,” says **Ray**. “Ever since then I have pondered how cool it would be to have a set of musical scores to bring to orchestras around the country and play in a completely different setting. I’m looking forward to seeing what our arrangers are going to do with the

music and am curious how they will interpret the songs.”

While each show will be different, each performance will last roughly two hours with the orchestra, with an intermission, and then Ray and Saliers will perform one or two songs without the orchestra as an encore.

Here is a sampling of the some of the songs included in the orchestra tour:

Damo

Sugar Tongue

Become You

Fugitive

Chickenman

World Falls

Kid Fears

Feed and Water the Horses

Able to Sing

Galileo

Come on Home

Mystery

Love of our Lives

Ghost

Woodsong

### **INDIGO GIRLS 2012 SYMPHONY TOUR:**

SA 7/28 Chattanooga, TN - Tivoli Theatre w/The Chattanooga Symphony

WE 8/29 Dallas, TX - Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center w/The Dallas Symphony

WE 9/12 Seattle, WA - Benaroya Hall w/The Seattle Symphony

FR 9/21 Birmingham, AL - Alabama Theatre w/The Alabama Symphony

FR 9/28 Buffalo, NY @ Kleinhans Music Hall w/The Buffalo Philharmonic

FR 11/09 Portland, OR - Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall w/The Oregon Symphony

SA 3/30/13 Louisville, KY – Whitney Hall w/The Louisville Symphony