SEATTLE, WA – The Seattle Symphony will present Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert featuring a screening of the complete film A New Hope with Oscar®-winning composer John Williams’ musical score performed live to the film. The concert will be led by conductor Lawrence Loh.

Since the release of the first Star Wars movie nearly 40 years ago, the Star Wars saga has had a seismic impact on both cinema and culture, inspiring audiences around the world with its mythic storytelling, captivating characters, groundbreaking special effects and iconic musical scores composed by Williams.

 Legendary composer Williams is well known for scoring all eight of the Star Wars saga films, beginning with 1977’s Star Wars (A New Hope) for which he earned an Academy Award® for Best Original Score. His scores for The Empire Strikes Back, Return of the Jedi, and Star Wars: The Force Awakens each were nominated for Oscars for Best Original Score. Return of Jedi was released on December 15, 2017.

Williams has won five Academy Awards, four Golden Globe Awards, seven British Academy Film
Awards, and 22 Grammy Awards. With 50 Academy Award nominations, Williams is the Academy’s most nominated living person and the second most-nominated individual in history, after Walt Disney. In 2005, the American Film Institute selected Williams’ score to 1977’s *Star Wars* as the greatest American film score of all time. The soundtrack to *Star Wars* also was preserved by the Library of Congress in the National Recording Registry, for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." Williams was inducted into the Hollywood Bowl’s Hall of Fame in 2000, and he received the Kennedy Center Honors in 2004, the National Medal of Arts in 2009, and the AFI Life Achievement Award in 2016. Williams has composed the scores for eight of the top 20 highest-grossing films at the U.S. box office (adjusted for inflation).

Fans will be able to experience the scope and grandeur of the beloved 1977 *Star Wars* film in a live symphonic concert experience, as *Star Wars: A New Hope* debuts at Benaroya Hall in Seattle, Washington. The schedule is below:

**STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE IN CONCERT**

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCES**
Friday, July 13, at 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 14, at 8 p.m.
Sunday, July 15, at 2 p.m.

*Lawrence Loh, conductor*
*Seattle Symphony*

Relive the mythic storytelling of the *Star Wars* saga like never before with this very special presentation. This concert features the complete film *Star Wars: A New Hope* on a giant screen while the Seattle Symphony performs John Williams’ iconic score live in the pitch-perfect acoustics of Benaroya Hall.

Tickets from $50.

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**TICKET INFORMATION**
Concert tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, March 9 at 11 a.m. Tickets can be purchased online at seattlesymphony.org, by calling the Seattle Symphony Ticket Office at (206) 215-4747 or (866) 833-4747, or in person at the Seattle Symphony Ticket Office on the corner of Third Avenue and Union Street. Tickets may also be purchased through the Seattle Symphony’s iPhone and Android apps by searching “Seattle Symphony” or “Listen Boldly” at Apple’s App Store or Android’s App Store.
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SEATTLE SYMPHONY

The Seattle Symphony is one of America’s leading symphony orchestras and is internationally acclaimed for its innovative programming and extensive recording history. Under the leadership of Music Director Ludovic Morlot since September 2011, the Symphony is heard from September through July by more than 500,000 people through live performances and radio broadcasts. It performs in one of the finest modern concert halls in the world — the acoustically superb Benaroya Hall — in downtown Seattle. Its extensive education and community engagement programs reach over 65,000 children and adults each year. The Seattle Symphony has a deep commitment to new music, commissioning many works by living composers each season. The orchestra has made nearly 150 recordings and has received three Grammy Awards, 23 Grammy nominations, two Emmy Awards and numerous other accolades. In 2014 the Symphony launched its in-house recording label, Seattle Symphony Media.

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