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## Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Brings *Star Wars* to Audiences with Live Music

*Multi-year contract with Disney kicks off with the first two installments of the epic franchise beginning in 2018*

*ISO subscribers and donors will have access to exclusive presale*

(July 13, 2017) – The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is excited to take audiences to “a galaxy far, far away” in 2018; the ISO proudly announces an agreement with Disney to bring the *Star Wars Film Concert Series* to Indiana for the first time! Join us at the historic Hilbert Circle Theatre as the ISO performs John Williams’ iconic soundtracks to *Star Wars: A New Hope* and *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* live as the legendary films play on screen. These first two installments of the *Star Wars* franchise will be featured in the ISO’s 2018-2019 season.

“We are elated to bring these beloved films to Indiana audiences as they have never experienced them before,” said ISO Chief Executive Officer Gary Ginstling. “The popularity of our *Film + Orchestra* series is proof that there is nothing like watching your favorite movies with our talented musicians providing the soundtrack, and I am certain *Star Wars* fans of all ages will enjoy this unique experience.”

The ISO is among the first orchestras worldwide to bring this one-of-a-kind concert experience to audiences. The world premiere of *Star Wars: A New Hope* will be presented by the New York Philharmonic this fall.

Mark your calendars now – *Star Wars: A New Hope* comes to the Hilbert Circle Theatre on November 15 – 18, 2018. Performances of *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* take place March 14–17, 2019. ISO subscribers and donors (of \$500 or more) will have access to an exclusive presale at 10am on October 9; public ticket sales begin at 10am on October 16.

For the latest information on the *Star Wars Film Concert*, visit [indianapolissymphony.org](http://indianapolissymphony.org) or call the ISO Box Office at 317.639.4300.

The *Star Wars Film Concert Series* is produced under license by Disney Concerts in association with 20th Century Fox and Warner/Chappell Music.

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Current titles include the *Star Wars Film Concert Series (Episodes IV-VII)*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Fantasia*, *Pixar In Concert*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Alice In Wonderland*, *Frozen*, *Ratatouille*, *The Pirates of the Caribbean* series (Episodes I-IV), and *Silly Symphonies*, which last year collectively accounted for over 400 performances in many of the world's top concert venues, including Lincoln Center, Royal Albert Hall, Sydney Opera House, Tokyo Forum and the Hollywood Bowl. Numerous new concert packages and touring productions from Disney's portfolio of studios, including Disney's feature animation and live action studios, Pixar, Lucasfilm and Marvel, are currently in development.

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