

# NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCE THE SIXTH INSTALLMENT OF THE HARRY POTTER FILM CONCERT SERIES WITH HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE™ IN CONCERT

Audiences will experience the next chapter of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra performing Nicholas Hooper's entire score live to picture

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Tickets available starting May 31 at <u>njsymphony.orq</u> and <u>njpac.orq</u>

(MAY 29, 2019 -- NEWARK, NJ) – <u>The Harry Potter Film Concert Series</u> returns to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark with *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* in Concert, the sixth film in the Harry Potter series. On October 26 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra performs Nicholas Hooper's incredible score live from *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* while the entire film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen.



In 2016, CineConcerts and Warner Bros. Consumer Products announced the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, a global concert tour celebrating the Harry Potter films. Since the world premiere of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone in Concert in June 2016, more than 1.3 million fans have enjoyed this magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, which is scheduled to include more than 900 performances across more than 48 countries worldwide through 2019.

As Lord Voldemort tightens his grip on both the Muggle and **Wizarding Worlds™**, Dumbledore is more intent upon preparing Harry for the battle fast approaching. Even as the showdown looms, romance

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blossoms for Harry, Ron, Hermione and their classmates. Love is in the air, but danger lies ahead, and Hogwarts may never be the same again.

Nominated for the 2010 Grammy<sup>®</sup> Award, Nicholas Hooper returns to the *Harry Potter* series with this magical score that debuted at number 29 on the *Billboard* 200 chart, thus making it the highest-charting soundtrack among all the six movie soundtracks released. Considered "emotionally churning" by *Variety*, Hooper's score features soaring and unique motifs that could only represent the grandeur and scope of J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World.

Justin Freer, President of CineConcerts and Producer/Conductor of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, explains: "The Harry Potter film series is a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we bring fans for the first time ever an opportunity to experience the award-winning music scores played live by a symphony orchestra, all while the beloved film is simultaneously projected onto the big screen. This is truly an unforgettable event."

Brady Beaubien of CineConcerts and Concert Producer for the Harry Potter Film Concert Series added, "Harry Potter is synonymous with excitement around the world, and we hope that by performing this incredible music with the full movie, audiences will enjoy returning to the Wizarding World."

Tickets for *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* in Concert go on sale May 31 at 10 am through the NJSO at <u>njsymphony.org</u> or 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) and through NJPAC at <u>njpac.org</u> or 1.888.GO.NJPAC (466.5722).

For more information on the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, please visit harrypotterinconcert.com.

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New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), located in downtown Newark, NJ, has the most diverse programming and audience of any performing arts center in the country, and it is the artistic, cultural, educational and civic center of New Jersey—where great performances and events enhance and transform lives every day. NJPAC brings diverse communities together, providing access to all and showcasing the state's and the world's best artists while acting as a leading catalyst in the revitalization of its home city. Through its extensive arts education programs, NJPAC is shaping the next generation of artists and arts enthusiasts. NJPAC has attracted more than 9 million visitors (including more than 1.7 million children and families) since opening its doors in 1997, and it nurtures meaningful and lasting relationships with each of its constituents.

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Detailed instructions on approaching the venue by car, by bus, by foot or by rail:

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Named "a vital, artistically significant musical organization" by *The Wall Street Journal*, the **New Jersey Symphony Orchestra** embodies that vitality through its statewide presence and critically acclaimed performances, education partnerships and unparalleled access to music and the Orchestra's superb musicians.

Music Director Xian Zhang—a "dynamic podium presence" *The New York Times* has praised for her "technical abilities, musicianship and maturity"—continues her acclaimed leadership of the NJSO. The Orchestra presents classical, pops and family programs, as well as outdoor summer concerts and special events. Embracing its legacy as a statewide orchestra, the NJSO is the resident orchestra of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark and regularly performs at State Theatre New Jersey in New Brunswick, Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank, Richardson Auditorium in Princeton, Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown and bergenPAC in Englewood. Partnerships with New Jersey arts organizations, universities and civic organizations remain a key element of the Orchestra's statewide identity.

In addition to its lauded artistic programming, the NJSO presents a suite of education and community engagement programs that promote meaningful, lifelong engagement with live music. Programs include school-time Concerts for Young People; NJSO Youth Orchestras family of student ensembles, led by José Luis Domínguez; and El Sistema-inspired NJSO CHAMPS (Character, Achievement and Music Project). NJSO musicians annually perform original chamber music programs at community events in a variety of settings statewide through the NJSO Community Partners program.

Tickets are available for purchase by phone at 1.800.ALLEGRO (255.3476) or at njsymphony.org.

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<u>CineConcerts</u> is one of the leading producers of live music experiences performed with visual media, and is continuously redefining live entertainment. Founded by Producer/Conductor Justin Freer and Producer/Writer Brady Beaubien, CineConcerts has engaged over 1.3 million people worldwide in concert presentations in over 900 performances in 48 countries. Recent and current live concert experiences include <u>Rudy in Concert</u>, <u>The Harry Potter Film Concert Series</u>, <u>Gladiator Live</u>, <u>The Godfather Live</u>, <u>It's a Wonderful Life in Concert</u>, <u>DreamWorks Animation In Concert</u>, <u>Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage</u> 50<sup>th</sup> <u>Anniversary Concert Tour</u>, <u>Breakfast at Tiffany's in Concert</u>, and <u>A Christmas Dream Live</u>.

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