

COLORADO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES THE HARRY POTTER FILM CONCERT SERIES WITH HARRY POTTER™ AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS™ AND HARRY POTTER™ AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN™

Audiences will experience the spellbinding Harry Potter™ Film Concert Series as the Colorado Symphony performs music to the films from one of the most beloved franchises in history at Downtown Denver's Boettcher Concert Hall.

Tickets available starting Friday, December 23 at 8 a.m. at coloradosymphony.org/tickets

Dec. 19, 2016 – Denver, CO. – The Harry Potter Film Concert Series is coming to Denver, Colorado with the next two films in the series. The Colorado Symphony announced today that they will perform *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™* In Concert on Saturday Jul. 29 at 7:30 and Sunday Jul. 30 at 1:00, 2017, and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban™* In Concert on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6, 2018, at 7:30 at Boettcher Concert Hall. While the film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen, John Williams' incredible scores are played live on stage by a world-class orchestra and choir. The Harry Potter Film Concert Series, which is another magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, kicked off in June 2016 with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* In Concert.

These performances will play at the iconic Boettcher Concert Hall and will bring both films' beloved, Oscar and Grammy-nominated music front and center to create another unforgettable experience for Harry Potter™ fans. The Harry Potter™ Film Concert that kicked off in June 2016 is another magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World.

Anthony Pierce, Chief Artistic Officer at the Colorado Symphony, said, "We want our audiences to feel like they experienced something new, magical and unforgettable. The response to our announcement of our upcoming January 2017 performance of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's*

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Stone™ was fantastic—the concerts are already sold out. The Colorado Symphony can't wait to perform John Williams' wonderful scores and bring the next two films in this incredible series to Boettcher Concert Hall."

Continuing J.K. Rowling's delightful bestselling and unforgettable *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*[™], in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*[™], cars fly, trees fight back and a mysterious house-elf comes to warn Harry Potter at the start of his second year at Hogwarts. Adventure and danger await when writing on the wall announces: *The Chamber of Secrets*[™] *has been opened*. In *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*[™], it is Harry, Ron and Hermione's third year at Hogwarts, and they meet escaped prisoner Sirius Black and learn to handle a half-horse/half-eagle Hippogriff, repel shape-shifting Boggarts and master the art of Divination. Harry withstands soul-sucking Dementors, outsmarts a dangerous werewolf and deals with the truth about Sirius and his relationship to Harry and his parents.

The bewitching and incredible music composed by John Williams for these films became instant classics, conjuring swelling and soaring motifs as we continued the adventure of Harry Potter™ on his journeys and adventures through Hogwarts and 4 Privet Drive.

This film concert series has been created by CineConcerts, in partnership with Warner Bros. Consumer Products, and will be conducted by its creator and Producer, Justin Freer. He explains, "The Harry Potter film series is one of those once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomena that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we introduce 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. It will be 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 entire world and we hope that by performing this incredible music with the full movie, audiences will enjoy returning to this world, and to the many wonderful characters and adventures that inhabit it."

Tickets go on sale *Friday, December 23 at 8 a.m.* for *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*™, and Friday, December 23 at 8 a.m. for *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*™ and are available online at *coloradosymphony.org/tickets*, by phone at 303.623.7876, and in person at the Boettcher Concert Hall Box Office, Denver Performing Arts Complex, 1000 14th Street. The Box Office is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon - 6 p.m.; and two hours prior to each performance.

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

About the Colorado Symphony

One of the leading orchestras in the United States, the Colorado Symphony performs more than 150 concerts annually at Boettcher Concert Hall in downtown Denver and across Colorado. Led by Music Director Designate Brett Mitchell, the Colorado Symphony is home to eighty full-time musicians, representing more than a dozen nations, and regularly welcomes the most celebrated artists from the world of symphonic music and beyond. Every season, the Colorado Symphony serves more than 250,000 people from all walks of life, performing a range of musical styles, from traditional to contemporary. Recognized as an incubator of innovation, creativity, and excellence, the Colorado Symphony continually expands its reach through education, outreach, and programming. The Colorado Symphony partners with the state's leading musical artists, cultural organizations, corporations, foundations, sports teams, and individuals to expose diverse audiences to the transformative power of music. To learn more, visit coloradosymphony.org.

About CineConcerts

CineConcerts is one of the leading producers of live music experiences performed with visual media. Founded by producer/conductor Justin Freer and producer/writer Brady Beaubien, CineConcerts has engaged millions of people worldwide in concert presentations that redefine the evolution of live experience. Recent and current live concert experiences include *Gladiator*, *The Godfather*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *DreamWorks Animation In Concert*, *Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage 50th Anniversary Concert Tour*, and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

Justin Freer has quickly become one of the most sought-after conductors of film music with a long list of full symphonic live to projection projects. He has appeared with some of the world's leading orchestras including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and Sydney Symphony Orchestra. From full-length movie screenings with live orchestra to music-interactive sporting event experiences to original 3D-environment holiday programming, CineConcerts is at the forefront of live entertainment.

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