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ANNOUNCING THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING – IN CONCERT

Howard Shore's GRAMMY®-winning score will be performed live to full film by over 250 musicians



Feb. 19, 2025 – Denver, CO – The Colorado Symphony is thrilled to announce three performances of *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring – In Concert* at Boettcher Concert Hall from May 23-25, 2025. Audiences will experience Howard Shore's complete Academy Award® and GRAMMY®-winning score performed live on-stage by more than 250 musicians. Peter Jackson's complete award-winning epic will be projected digitally on four large screens while the combined forces of the Colorado Symphony, Colorado Symphony Chorus, and Colorado Children's Chorale bring the music of Middle-earth to life.

Composer Howard Shore said, "My first score for *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, was the beginning of my journey into the world of Tolkien, and I will always hold a special fondness for the music and the experience."



Shore's score not only captures *Fellowship's* sweeping emotion, thrilling vistas and grand journeys, but also echoes the very construction of Tolkien's Middle-earth. Styles, instruments, and performers collected from around the world provide each of Tolkien's cultures with a unique musical imprint. In operatic fashion, these musical worlds commingle, sometimes combining forces for a culminated power, other times violently clashing – and always bending to the will of the One Ring and its own ominous family of themes.

Doug Adams, author of the comprehensive book *The Music of the Lord of the Rings Films* and advisor to this *In Concert* presentation said, "*The Lord of the Rings* is a story of universal human themes and experiences, including perseverance, sacrifice, friendship, and loyalty. These were the backbone of J.R.R. Tolkien's books, of Peter Jackson's

films and, of course, of Howard Shore's music.

These live performances place the score in the spotlight, and create a wholly new and unique audience experience. Even the most ardent fans are amazed at how completely Shore recreates Middle-earth in music – and how the live score provides narrative clarity, structural complexity, and above all, a living heart to the story. There's nothing quite like it. This is an extraordinarily moving communal experience. It's our chance to join the Fellowship.

ABOUT THE FILM

Released on December 18, 2002 *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* is the first installment of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure film trilogy based on the novels of J.R.R. Tolkien. A long-lost Ring has been found and, through twists of fate, is in the possession of a small hobbit named Frodo Baggins.

When Gandalf the grey Wizard discovers this Ring is in fact the all-powerful One Ring, Frodo must lead an epic quest to Mount Doom in order to destroy it. However he does not go alone. Frodo is joined by Gandalf, Legolas the Elf, Gimli the Dwarf, Aragorn, Boromir and his three hobbit friends Merry, Pippin and Samwise – the Fellowship of the Ring.

Tickets for *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring – in Concert* go on sale [Wednesday, February 19 at 8am MST](#). For concert descriptions and ticket information, please visit coloradosymphony.org or call the box office at 303.623.7876.



EVENT INFORMATION:

What: *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring – in Concert*

Where: Boettcher Concert Hall

When: Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24, 2025 at 7:00pm MST & Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 2:00pm

Tickets: [Available now at coloradosymphony.org](https://coloradosymphony.org).

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TICKETS:

Tickets to Colorado Symphony events 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. - 5 p.m., Saturday, noon – 5 p.m., and two hours prior to each performance.

ABOUT THE COLORADO SYMPHONY

One of the leading orchestras in the United States, the Colorado Symphony Association is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization performing more than 150 concerts annually at Boettcher Concert Hall in downtown Denver and across Colorado. Led by Principal Conductor Peter Oundjian, 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. The orchestra celebrated their Centennial during the 2023/24 concert season. In the last year, the Colorado Symphony served over 340,000 people attending live performances at concert and non-traditional venues throughout Colorado's Front Range. Recognized as an incubator of innovation, creativity, and excellence, the Colorado Symphony continually expands its reach through in-person and virtual education programs, outreach, and programming. The Colorado Symphony partners with the state's leading musical artists, cultural organizations, corporations, foundations, sports teams, and individuals



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