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**Kansas City Symphony Announces the Return of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series
with *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*™**

*Audiences will experience the second chapter of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series with
the Kansas City Symphony performing music from the film*

Single tickets available Monday, July 24 at 10 a.m.; Subscribers able to add on now

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | Feb. 21, 2017 — The Kansas City Symphony is pleased to announce the return of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series with *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, the second film in the Harry Potter franchise. On Feb. 15-18, 2018, the Kansas City Symphony will perform John Williams' unforgettable score from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, while the film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen. The performances will occur in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Kansas City, Mo.

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* and is scheduled to include hundreds of performances across more than 35 countries around the world through 2018.

Single tickets go on sale Monday, July 24 at 10 a.m. via kcsymphony.org or by calling the Symphony Box Office at (816) 471-0400. Tickets start at \$40 for adults and \$32 for children. Subscribers can secure seats to these concerts by adding on to their order.

“We are thrilled to present *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*,” said David T. Beals III Assistant Conductor Jason Seber. “Hearing the Kansas City Symphony perform John Williams’ score live in Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts will give you chills. It promises to be one of the most memorable and unique ways to experience the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, and I hope you make plans to join us.”

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 the second year of his amazing journey into the world of wizardry. This year at Hogwarts, spiders talk, letters scold and Harry’s own unsettling ability to speak to snakes turns his friends against him. From Dueling Clubs to rogue Bludgers, it’s a year of adventure and danger when bloody writing on a wall announces: “The Chamber of Secrets has been opened.” Saving Hogwarts will require all of Harry’s, Ron’s and Hermione’s magical abilities and courage.

Earning a Grammy® Award-nomination for the score, the bewitching and incredible music composed by John Williams became an instant classic, conjuring beautiful and soaring motifs continuing the adventures of Harry Potter on his magical adventures.

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 a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we introduced 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 is 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 this world, and to the many wonderful characters and adventures that inhabit it.”

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

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About the Kansas City Symphony and Chorus

Founded in 1982, the Kansas City Symphony has established itself as a major force in the cultural life of the community. Praised for performances of uncompromising standard, the orchestra is the largest in the region and enjoys a national reputation under the artistic leadership of Music

Director Michael Stern. The Kansas City Symphony Chorus is a volunteer, 160-member ensemble led by multi-Grammy® Award-winning conductor, Charles Bruffy, that continues its long tradition of excellence as the choral voice of the Kansas City Symphony. The Kansas City Symphony performs more than 100 concerts each year, often welcomes guests of international acclaim as part of its Classical and Pops Series, and serves as the orchestra for the Kansas City Ballet and Lyric Opera of Kansas City.

Complementing its full schedule of concerts, the Symphony enriches the lives of Kansas City residents by providing music education opportunities for children and adults, such as KinderKonzerts, Young People's Concerts, an instrument petting zoo and concert comments. Highlights each season include a range of free master classes, events and concerts reaching more than 200,000 community members, including the annual Bank of America Celebration at the Station concert each Memorial Day weekend and performing at Symphony in the Flint Hills every summer.

The Symphony has released six highly praised CDs to date with Reference Recordings, with the most recent release featuring the music of contemporary composer Adam Schoenberg (release date January 20, 2017).

The Symphony and Michael Stern also have recorded for the Naxos label. Kansas City Symphony performances can be heard locally each week on KCUR 89.3 FM, Kansas City's NPR affiliate. More information on the Kansas City Symphony is available at kcsymphony.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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