

KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES THE FIFTH INSTALLMENT OF THE HARRY POTTER FILM CONCERT SERIES WITH HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX™ IN CONCERT

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

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FEB. 19, 2020 — **KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – <u>The Harry Potter Film Concert Series</u> returns to the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts with *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* in **Concert**, the fifth film in the Harry Potter series. On May 7-10, David T. Beals III Associate Conductor Jason Seber will lead the Kansas City Symphony in performing the magical score live from *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* while the entire film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen.



In 2016, <u>CineConcerts</u> 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 2.5 million fans have enjoyed this magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, which is scheduled to include over 1,500 performances across more than 48 countries worldwide through 2020.

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The rebellion begins! Lord Voldemort is back, but the Ministry of Magic tries to keep a lid on the truth – including appointing a new, power-hungry Defense Against the Dark Arts professor at Hogwarts. Ron and Hermione convince Harry to secretly train students for the wizarding war ahead. A terrifying showdown between good and evil awaits!

Nominated for a World Soundtrack Discovery Award, composer Nicholas Hooper uses experimental techniques and unique instruments to compose two new main themes reflecting not only Dolores Umbridge but Voldemort's inflection into Harry's psyche. By using Japanese Taiko drums, Hooper allows a deeper and more nefarious undercurrent to permeate the magical adventure of Harry and his friends as they prepare for the wizarding war ahead.

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 are available via kcsymphony.org or (816) 471-0400 for Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix in Concert.

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

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About the Kansas City Symphony

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 performs more than 130 concerts each year, 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 250,000 community members, including the annual Bank of America Celebration at the Station concert each Memorial Day weekend and the Symphony in the Flint Hills performance every June.

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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 2.5 million people worldwide in concert presentations in over 1,500 performances in 48 countries. CineConcerts has worked with some of the most prestigious orchestras and venues in the world including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, London Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, and more. Recent and current live concert experiences include <u>Rudy in Concert</u>, <u>The Passion of the Christ in Concert</u>, <u>The Da Vinci Code 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>Dream Works Animation In Concert</u>, <u>Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage 50th Anniversary Concert Tour</u>, <u>Breakfast at Tiffany's in Concert</u>, and A Christmas Dream Live.

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