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**ECSO – The Final
Frontier – March 25,
2017; 8pm**
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Concert info:

The ECSO continues its landmark 70th season with *The Final Frontier*, on March 25 at 8pm. Costumed characters from *Star Wars* courtesy of the 501st Legion will be taking over the Garde lobby before the concert at 7pm for photo ops with patrons.

This space-themed program blasts off with Jerry Goldsmith's *Star Trek V: Main Theme and March of the Klingons*. Switching gears, György Ligeti's *Atmosphères* invokes the chilling expanse of space through his signature "sound masses". The piece is notable in pop culture for its usage in Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Rounding out the first half is John Williams' *Star Wars: Throne Room and Finale*, an iconic set of themes that is recognized across generations, and continues to transport listeners to "a galaxy far, far away". On the 2nd half, Gustav Holst's popular seven-movement orchestral suite *The Planets* will fill the Garde stage, and brings the evening's journey to a satisfying end. Female singers from the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus will join the ECSO for this performance. This concert is generously sponsored by Yale New Haven Health System and Lawrence + Memorial Hospital.

Ticket info:

Ticket holders for the Saturday, March 25 classical series concert are invited to a pre-concert chat at 7 PM given by ECSO Music Director, Toshiyuki Shimada, and ECSO Concertmaster Stephan Tieszen. All attendees are also invited to a free post-concert reception sponsored by members of the ECSO Board. Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$62 with \$12 tickets available for any person under 30 years of age, and active or retired military personnel.

You can purchase tickets online at: tickets.gardearts.org or through the Eastern Connecticut Symphony office at 860-443-2876.

16-17 Season general copy:

Join the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra as it embarks on its 70th anniversary season! The ECSO performs 6 classical concerts from October to May at the Garde Arts Center in New London. Music Director & Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada has programmed an exciting season showcasing the ECSO's critically acclaimed virtuosity and scope of repertoire. Repertoire worthy of this milestone has been chosen, from Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* to Beethoven's universally adored *Symphony No. 9*. We will go on sonic adventures exploring the sounds of whales alongside the orchestra, an evening of storybook suites, and an epic space-themed program. Visit www.ectsymphony.com for more information and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ectsymphony.

The ECSO offers a range of affordable seating options from \$62 to as low as \$12 for attendance to one concert. The ECSO will offer those under 30 years of age \$12 tickets in premium sections. Additionally, \$12 rush tickets will be available the night of every concert to those under 30 and any active or retired military. New this season is a flexible subscription called the Pick 4, which enables patrons to schedule their concerts around their busy lives.

Founded in 1946, the mission of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music.