

# Anchorage Symphony Orchestra

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Anchorage Symphony Orchestra presents

## *Music of John Williams*

Saturday, October 6, 2018 – 8:00pm  
Atwood Concert Hall, ACPA

**Anchorage, Alaska – September 18, 2018** – Duuhh dunnn. Duuhh dunnn. Never before have two little notes conjured up so much anticipation and foreboding. That is the magic of John Williams, composer of some of the most popular, recognizable, and critically acclaimed film scores in cinematic history. On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> (8pm) the Anchorage Symphony brings some of his most iconic music to life including *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, *E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial*, *Indiana Jones*, *Superman*, and many more.

If you have seen a movie, or watched TV in the last 60 years, chances are that you have heard a John Williams composition. Closely associated with Steven Spielberg since 1975, Williams has scored for all but three of Spielberg's feature films. He has also composed for eight of the top 20 grossing films in cinematic history (adjusted for inflation).

Williams' music is not only associated with box office hits, he has also been nominated for 51 Academy Awards (the only person with more is Walt Disney!). Of those nominations, he went on to win 5 Academy Awards (first one for *Fiddler on the Roof*), as well as 3 Emmy's, 24 Grammy's, 7 BAFTAs, and 4 Golden Globes. His *Star Wars* soundtrack was recently preserved by the Library of Congress into the National Recording Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant."

Beyond films, you can also hear Williams' work each evening when "The Mission" opens the NBC Nightly news. His partnership with NBC extends to the theme for their Sunday Night Football broadcast, the 1984, 1988, and 1996 Summer Olympic Games; 2002 Winter Olympic Games, and the 1987 International Summer Special Olympic Games.

One of the most popular and successful American orchestral composers of the modern age, John Williams has worked his magic, setting the tone to countless movies and television shows. His scores have influenced generations of musicians and music-lovers. The Anchorage Symphony welcomes families to *The Music of John Williams*; all youth tickets only \$25.

### **Special – Costume Contest**

Audience members are invited to show us their best Superman, Princess Leia, Indiana Jones, Harry Potter, Luke Skywalker, Hermione, and yes, even Wookie!

On Saturday, October 6th come to the Anchorage Symphony Music of John Williams concert dressed as a character from a film featuring one of his iconic soundtracks. Take a picture at our John Williams wall and post it to Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using #NorthofOrdinary. The photo with the most likes could win you a \$75 gift card to 49th State Brewing Company.\*

\*Winner to be chosen at 4pm on Friday, October 12th.

*Anchorage Symphony's Music of John Williams, Saturday, October 6, 2018, (8pm) in the Atwood Concert Hall, Alaska Center for the Performing Arts. Infrared headphones for the hearing impaired are available concert night from the House Manager on the Orchestra Level. Tickets: Adult, \$59-\$35; Youth, \$25; (prices include surcharges and fees). Discounts are available. To purchase tickets, visit the CenterTix Box Office at*

*the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts or [www.centertix.com](http://www.centertix.com) or call 263-ARTS (2787), toll free at 1-877-ARTS-TIX.*

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