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***Star Wars* in Concert Makes Its Columbus Symphony Debut October 6**

Star Wars: A New Hope will be screened in its entirety with the film score being performed live by the Columbus Symphony

Since the release of the first *Star Wars* movie nearly 40 years ago, the *Star Wars* saga has had a seismic impact on both cinema and culture. *Star Wars in Concert* offers audiences an unparalleled *Star Wars* experience with the iconic film that started it all, *A New Hope* (1977), projected on a 40-foot screen suspended above the Columbus Symphony as they perform every note of John Williams' Oscar-winning score live on stage.

The Columbus Symphony presents *Star Wars Live in Concert* at the Ohio Theatre (39 E. State St.) on Friday, October 6, at 8pm. Tickets are \$40-\$75 and can be purchased at the CAPA Ticket Center (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 469-0939 or (800) 745-3000.

The 2017-18 Pops Series is made possible through the generous support of season sponsor American Electric Power.

About composer John Williams

Legendary composer John Williams is well known for scoring all seven of the *Star Wars* films, beginning with 1977's *Star Wars: A New Hope* for which he earned an Academy Award® for Best Original Score. His scores for *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*, and *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* each earned Oscar® nominations for Best Original Score.

Williams has won five Academy Awards®, four Golden Globe® Awards, seven British Academy Film Awards, and 22 Grammy® Awards. With 50 Academy Award® nominations, he is the Academy's most nominated living person and the second most-nominated individual in history after Walt Disney. In 2005, the American Film Institute selected Williams' score to 1977's *Star Wars* as the greatest American film score of all time. The soundtrack to *Star Wars* was also preserved by the Library of Congress in the National Recording Registry for being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." Williams was inducted into the Hollywood Bowl's Hall of Fame in 2000, and received the Kennedy Center Honors in 2004, the National Medal of Arts in 2009, and the AFI Life Achievement Award in 2016. He has composed scores for eight of the top 20 highest-grossing films at the US box office (adjusted for inflation).

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About the Columbus Symphony Orchestra

Founded in 1951, the Columbus Symphony is the longest-running, professional symphony in central Ohio. Through an array of innovative artistic, educational, and community outreach programming, the Columbus Symphony is reaching an expanding, more diverse audience each year. This season, the Columbus Symphony will share classical music with more than 175,000 people in central Ohio through concerts, radio broadcasts, and special programming. For more information, visit www.columbussymphony.com.

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