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SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES *SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY* CONCERTS, JULY 3–AUGUST 3, 2018

THREE COMPLETE CYCLES OF GEORGE LUCAS' ORIGINAL STAR WARS TRILOGY PERFORMED
LIVE TO PICTURE BY THE SFS

Tickets for all Star Wars concerts on sale now at sfsymphony.org

Other highlights include performances of the *The Little Mermaid*, Mariachi Sol del México® de José Hernández, A Salute to Gershwin with Capathia Jenkins, and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto with William Hagen

Tickets for all other *Summer with the Symphony* concerts on sale May 7 at sfsymphony.org/summer

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—The San Francisco Symphony (SFS) announces its annual *Summer with the Symphony* series, running **July 3–August 3** at Davies Symphony Hall and at other outdoor locations throughout the Bay Area.

From July 18 to August 3, the SFS presents long-awaited performances of George Lucas' original **Star Wars** trilogy, with the Orchestra performing John Williams' legendary scores live to picture as the films are projected onto a large screen above the Davies Symphony Hall stage. Since the release of *A New Hope* in 1977, the Star Wars films have had a far-reaching impact on popular culture, with many of their key themes and phrases becoming embedded in the popular lexicon. They have inspired a generation of film lovers with their iconic visuals, sounds, and narratives, and have spawned numerous sequels, spin-offs, games, and texts. On **July 18–21**, [Sarah Hicks](#) conducts the SFS in performances of **A New Hope**; followed by [Emil de Cou](#) leading the Orchestra in **The Empire Strikes Back** on **July 26–28**; and **Return of**

the Jedi with conductor [Jack Everly](#), **July 29–August 3**. Tickets for all Star Wars concerts are available now at [sfsymphony.org](#). *Presentation licensed by Disney Concerts in association with 20th Century Fox, Lucasfilm Ltd., and Warner / Chappell Music.*

The SFS's *Summer with the Symphony* series, which includes an array of family-friendly and classical programs, kicks off on **July 3** with **A Salute to Gershwin**, conducted by [Edwin Outwater](#) and featuring award-winning pianist [Andrew von Oeyen](#) in performances of dazzling Gershwin showpieces including *Rhapsody in Blue* and *An American in Paris*, and featuring Broadway vocalist [Capathia Jenkins](#) in tuneful favorites such as “Summertime.” The following day, Capathia Jenkins and Andrew von Oeyen join the SFS for its annual **Fourth of July** concert and fireworks spectacular presented by LiveNation at the **Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View**, also conducted by Edwin Outwater. Then, on **July 6–8**, conductor [Steven Allen Fox](#) leads the SFS in performances of beloved animated Disney classic *The Little Mermaid*, with the Orchestra performing Alan Menken’s Oscar-winning score live to picture.

Summer with the Symphony continues on **July 12** with another family-friendly concert presentation—**José Hernández** leads his world-famous ensemble [Mariachi Sol de México®](#) in a festive tribute to Mexico’s heritage and rich music, playing favorites from both Mexico and the United States in an exhilarating performance of vibrant rhythms and showmanship (*note: the SFS does not appear in this performance*). **July 13–14** concerts feature [Alexander Prior](#) conducting the SFS in masterpieces from the Russian classical repertoire, including Rachmaninoff’s **Symphony No. 2** and Tchaikovsky’s monumental **Violin Concerto** performed by [William Hagen](#). And on **July 22**, [Jayce Ogren](#) conducts the SFS, joined by pianist [Adam Golka](#), in its annual free concert at the 81st **Stern Grove Festival**, an admission-free performing arts series that has taken place every summer since 1938 in Sigmund Stern Grove. The program includes Sibelius’ majestic **Symphony No. 2**, described by the composer as “a confession of the soul.”

About the San Francisco Symphony

The San Francisco Symphony (SFS) is widely considered to be among the most artistically adventurous and innovative arts institutions in the U.S. Under the artistic direction of Michael Tilson Thomas since 1995, the Orchestra is a leading presence among American orchestras at home and around the world, celebrated for its artistic excellence, creative performance concepts, active touring, award-winning recordings, and standard-setting education programs. The SFS presents more than 220 concerts and presentations annually for an audience of nearly 450,000 in its home of Davies Symphony Hall and through its active national and international touring. A cornerstone of the organization’s mission, the San Francisco Symphony’s education programs are the most extensive offered by any American orchestra today, providing free comprehensive music education to every first- through fifth-grade student in the San Francisco public schools, and serving more than 100,000 children, students, educators, and families annually. The SFS has won such recording awards as France’s Grand Prix du Disque and Britain’s *Gramophone* Award, as well as 15 Grammy Awards. In 2004, the SFS launched the multimedia *Keeping Score* on PBS-TV and the web. In 2014, the SFS inaugurated SoundBox, a new experimental performance venue and music series located backstage at Davies Symphony Hall. SFS radio broadcasts, the first in the nation to feature symphonic music when they began in 1926, today carry the Orchestra’s concerts across the country.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY PRESENTS SUMMER WITH THE SYMPHONY

- All concerts are at Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, unless otherwise noted.
- **Tickets** for the San Francisco Symphony’s *Summer with the Symphony* concerts start at \$15 and go on sale **Monday, May 7 at 10am** at [www.sfsymphony.org/summer](#), (415) 864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, located on Grove Street between Franklin and Van Ness.
- Tickets for all *Star Wars with the Symphony* concerts are available now at [sfsymphony.org](#), (415) 864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, located on Grove Street between Franklin and Van Ness.
- Tickets for the Fourth of July Celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre will go on sale on May 18th at 10am at [LiveNation.com](#).

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

A SALUTE TO GERSHWIN

Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 8 pm

[Edwin Outwater](#) conductor
[Capathia Jenkins](#) vocalist
[Andrew von Oeyen](#) pianist
San Francisco Symphony

GERSHWIN	Overture to <i>Girl Crazy</i>
GERSHWIN	Good Mornin', Sistuh! from <i>Catfish Row</i> Suite from <i>Porgy and Bess</i>
GERSHWIN	<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> Andrew von Oeyen piano
GERSHWIN (arr. Various)	"Summertime" "The Man I Love" "Clap Yo' Hands" "Fascinatin' Rhythm" "Strike Up the Band" "Our Love is Here to Stay" Capathia Jenkins vocalist
GERSHWIN	<i>An American in Paris</i>

The SF Symphony lights up the stage with the unforgettable music of a Jazz Age legend: George Gershwin. Featuring the show-stopping talents of Broadway vocalist Capathia Jenkins, and award-winning pianist Andrew von Oeyen, hear a dazzling selection of classic Gershwin showpieces, including "Summertime," "Fascinatin' Rhythm," *An American in Paris*, and *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Tickets: \$20–79

Groups of 10 or more are eligible to receive a 25% discount on tickets.

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 8 pm

Shoreline Amphitheater, Mountain View, CA

[Edwin Outwater](#) conductor
[Capathia Jenkins](#) vocalist
[Andrew von Oeyen](#) pianist
San Francisco Symphony

Program to include:

BERNSTEIN	Overture to <i>Candide</i>
COPLAND	<i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i>
Arr. Robert LOWDEN	<i>Armed Forces Salute</i>
GERSHWIN	<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i> Andrew von Oeyen piano
Alicia KEYS	"Girl on Fire"
Charlie SMALLS	"Home" from <i>The Wiz</i>

PERREN & FEKARIS
Dolly PARTON

"I Will Survive"

"I Will Always Love You"

Capathia Jenkins vocalist

Randy NEWMAN

Suite from Disney•Pixar's *Toy Story 2*

Thomas NEWMAN

Suite from Disney•Pixar's *Finding Nemo*

Michael GIACCHINO

Suite from Disney•Pixar's *The Incredibles*

Celebrate the Fourth of July with a festive outdoor performance of hero-themed favorites perfect for summer! Led by conductor Edwin Outwater at Shoreline Amphitheater, the SF Symphony fills the night air with the exhilarating music of *Star Wars*, chart-topping pop performed by renowned Broadway vocalist Capathia Jenkins, hits songs from Disney•Pixar, a salute to our Armed Forces, and more, culminating in a grand finale of spectacular fireworks accompanied by the SF Symphony.

Tickets for the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Shoreline Amphitheatre will go on sale May 18th at 10am at LiveNation.com.

***THE LITTLE MERMAID* – FEATURE FILM with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY**

Friday, July 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 2 pm

[Steven Allen Fox](#) conductor

San Francisco Symphony

Alan MENKEN and HOWARD ASHMAN *The Little Mermaid*

Ron CLEMENTS and John MUSKER directors

A rebellious mermaid wishes for life on land to win the heart of a human prince in Disney's enchanting *The Little Mermaid*. Boasting Oscar®-winning music by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, beautiful animation, and a bevy of unforgettable songs including "Part of Your World," "Kiss the Girl," and the Oscar and Grammy® Award-winning "Under the Sea," don't miss the beloved music of this underwater world performed live to film by the SF Symphony.

Tickets: \$35–110

Tickets are half-price for children ages 18 and under with the purchase of a full-price adult ticket.

MARIACHI SOL DE MÉXICO® de JOSÉ HERNÁNDEZ

Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Mariachi Sol de México® de José Hernández

Note: The San Francisco Symphony does not appear in this presentation.

Led by the incomparable José Hernández, the world-famous Mariachi Sol de México® returns to Davies Symphony Hall for a festive tribute to Mexico's proud heritage and rich music traditions. Experience a truly international celebration, with the ensemble singing and playing favorites from both Mexico and the United States in an exhilarating performance of vibrant rhythms and showmanship.

Tickets: \$15–85

Groups of 10 or more are eligible to receive a 25% discount on tickets.

DECADENT ROMANCE: RACHMANINOFF and TCHAIKOVSKY

[Friday, July 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Alexander Prior](#) conductor

[William Hagen](#) violin

San Francisco Symphony

TCHAIKOVSKY

Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 35

RACHMANINOFF

Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Opus 27

At just 25, brilliant young phenom Alexander Prior leads the SF Symphony through the dazzling opulence, color, and excitement of Romantic Age masterworks. Witness the balletic lyricism and breathtaking virtuosity of Tchaikovsky's legendary Violin Concerto, performed by renowned young violinist William Hagen. Then, be swept away by the lush beauty and turbulent drama of Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2.

Tickets: \$20–79

Groups of 10 or more are eligible to receive a 25% discount on tickets.

STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE – FEATURE FILM with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Friday, July 20, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Sarah Hicks](#) conductor

San Francisco Symphony

John WILLIAMS

Star Wars: A New Hope

George Lucas director

Travel to “a galaxy far, far away” as Luke Skywalker learns the ways of the Force and battles Darth Vader's evil Empire alongside Princess Leia and Han Solo. Experience the magic of the classic *Star Wars* trilogy like never before as these intergalactic epics come to life on the big screen with the SF Symphony performing John Williams' unforgettable scores LIVE.

Tickets: \$50–165

FREE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY CONCERT AT THE STERN GROVE FESTIVAL

[Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 2 pm](#)

Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco

[Jayce Ogren](#) conductor

[Adam Golka](#) piano

San Francisco Symphony

SIBELIUS

Symphony No. 2 in D major, Opus 43

Additional programming to be announced.

Join the SF Symphony at the 81st Stern Grove Festival for its annual free concert in the beautiful outdoor amphitheater located at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard in San Francisco. Pack a picnic, grab some friends, and relax as the SF Symphony serenades you with a dazzling afternoon of music al fresco.

Free: no tickets required.

STAR WARS: *THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK* – FEATURE FILM with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Friday, July 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Emil de Cou](#) conductor

San Francisco Symphony

John WILLIAMS

Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back

George Lucas director

Travel to “a galaxy far, far away” as Luke Skywalker learns the ways of the Force and battles Darth Vader’s evil Empire alongside Princess Leia and Han Solo. Experience the magic of the classic *Star Wars* trilogy like never before as these intergalactic epics come to life on the big screen with the SF Symphony performing John Williams’ unforgettable scores LIVE.

Tickets: \$50–165

STAR WARS: *RETURN OF THE JEDI* – FEATURE FILM with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Jack Everly](#) conductor

San Francisco Symphony

John WILLIAMS

Star Wars: Return of the Jedi

George Lucas director

Travel to “a galaxy far, far away” as Luke Skywalker learns the ways of the Force and battles Darth Vader’s evil Empire alongside Princess Leia and Han Solo. Experience the magic of the classic *Star Wars* trilogy like never before as these intergalactic epics come to life on the big screen with the SF Symphony performing John Williams’ unforgettable scores LIVE.

Tickets: \$50–165

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