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VIDEO GAMES LIVE! COMES TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR TWO NEW SHOWS JULY 25 AND 26 WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY AND CHORUS AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL

Pre-concert costume contest and Guitar Hero competition; Guitar Hero winner plays with San Francisco Symphony on stage

Open, free meet and greet with game luminaries follows concert experience

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2, 2013 – [VIDEO GAMES LIVE!](#) a complete celebration and multimedia concert experience featuring music and scenes from the most popular video games of all time, comes to San Francisco for two new shows with the San Francisco Symphony and Chorus July 25 and 26 at 7:30 at Davies Symphony Hall. The Orchestra performs music to scenes from games including *Final Fantasy*, *Skyrim*, *Chrono Cross*, *Shadow of the Colossus*, *Super Mario Brothers*, a special 25th anniversary *Zelda* celebration, and more.

VIDEO GAMES LIVE! features the best music and exclusive synchronized video clips from the best-loved games, from the beginning of video gaming to the present. The show combines exclusive video footage and music arrangements with synchronized lighting, solo performers, stage show production, special FX, electronic percussionists, and unique interactive segments. The power and emotion of a symphony orchestra is mixed with the excitement and energy of a rock concert and the technology, fun, and interactivity of a video game, all synchronized into an amazing cutting-edge audience experience.

The show has scenes and music from the more recent blockbuster games as well as a segment dedicated to the old retro arcade classics, with both modern music and older, memorable pieces never heard played live. Legendary video game

composer and industry icon Tommy Tallarico created and produces the show, and he will be on stage for each performance as emcee and guitarist. The live show features special interactive segments where audience members come up and compete, while the Orchestra plays the game music in perfect synchronization with the visuals on screen.

All ticket holders are invited to participate in a Guitar Hero competition beginning one hour prior to the concert, a pre-concert costume contest. The winner of the Guitar Hero competition will play a song on stage with the Orchestra, and the winner of the costume contest will be selected from the stage just prior to the show. Other prizes will also be given away. Post-show activities open to all ticket holders include a meet and greet with game industry luminaries. Tickets for an “Ultimate Gamer” VIP experience at Davies Symphony Hall prior to the concert are sold separately through Video Games Live!

Tickets for **VIDEO GAMES LIVE** are on sale now at www.sfsymphony.org or 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

VIDEO GAMES LIVE! with the SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

[Thursday, July 25 at 7:30 pm](#)

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

Davies Symphony Hall

201 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

Tommy Tallarico host

Emmanuel Fratianni conductor

San Francisco Symphony

San Francisco Symphony Chorus

PRE-CONCERT ACTIVITIES

- Guitar Hero competition starts 1 hour prior to concert; winner plays on stage with the San Francisco Symphony.
- Costume contest with winner selected from the stage just prior to the concert.
- Ultimate Gamer VIP Experience: 6:30-6:45 pm (**additional cost; sold separately through Video Games Live!**)

POST-CONCERT ACTIVITIES

- Meet and greet reception with game industry luminaries (open to all ticketholders)

TICKETS

\$30-100. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

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