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(High-resolution images for the San Francisco Symphony's Film Series are available for download from the [Online Press Kit](#).)

**THE SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S 2022-23 FILM SERIES KICKS OFF WITH SCREENINGS OF
STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE, SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, PERFORMED LIVE TO PICTURE**

**HOLIDAY FILM PROGRAMS INCLUDE RON HOWARD'S *HOW THE GRINCH STOLE
CHRISTMAS* AND JON FAVREAU'S *ELF***

**2022-23 SEASON FILM PROGRAMMING ALSO INCLUDES DISNEY'S *HOCUS POCUS*, DISNEY'S
FANTASIA, FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA'S *THE GODFATHER*, STEVEN SPIELBERG'S *JURASSIC
PARK*, AND MARVEL STUDIOS' *BLACK PANTHER***

Tickets for all performances on sale now at sfsymphony.org

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—The San Francisco Symphony's Film Series returns in the 2022-23 season, featuring the Orchestra performing live accompaniment to eight iconic films as they are projected on a large screen above the stage. The Film Series kicks off September 16 & 17 with *Star Wars: A New Hope*, featuring Damon Gupton conducting the San Francisco Symphony in John Williams' original soundtrack. Next up is Disney's

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classic Halloween film, *Hocus Pocus*, with Sarah Hicks leading the Orchestra in John Debney's score, October 25. On November 22, Tim Davies conducts the Orchestra in Disney's *Fantasia*—featuring highlights from Disney's groundbreaking animated feature films *Fantasia* (1940) and its sequel *Fantasia 2000*; and on November 25 & 26, the Orchestra presents Francis Ford Coppola's *The Godfather*, featuring music by Nino Rota conducted by Stephen Mulligan.

The San Francisco Symphony's holiday season includes two film presentations—Ron Howard's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, featuring music by James Horner conducted by Joshua Gersen, December 16 & 17; and Jon Favreau's *Elf* with John Jesensky conducting the Orchestra in John Debney's score, December 21 & 22.

Film programming continues after the holidays with performances of Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park*, featuring music by John Williams conducted by Constantine Kitsopoulos, January 6 & 7; and Marvel Studios' *Black Panther*, with Anthony Parnter leading the Orchestra in Ludwig Göransson's score, March 24 & 25.

[Click here](#) to access the Online Press Kit, which includes a PDF of this press release, downloadable artist headshots, and video stills from the featured films.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

Tickets

Tickets for concerts at Davies Symphony can be purchased via sfsymphony.org or by calling the San Francisco Symphony Box Office at 415-864-6000.

Location

Davies Symphony Hall is located at 201 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco.

Health & Safety Information

Davies Symphony Hall is currently operating at full audience capacity. Based on the advice of the San Francisco Symphony's Health and Safety Task Force, a face covering is strongly recommended but not required for entry into Davies Symphony Hall beginning with the start of the Orchestra's 2022–23 season. The San Francisco Symphony requires proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 for everyone entering Davies Symphony Hall ages 12 and up who's eligible—including patrons, performers, volunteers, and staff. "Full vaccination" is defined as two weeks after completion of the two-dose regimen of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, or other WHO authorized COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, proof of booster shots is not required. Patrons under age 12 must show proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken within 2 days of event entry or antigen [rapid] test taken within 1 day of event entry). These policies are subject to change. Visit sfsymphony.org/safety for the San Francisco Symphony's complete up-to-date health and safety protocols.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY'S 2022–23 FILM SERIES

FILM SERIES

Star Wars: A New Hope—Film with Live Orchestra

[Friday, September 16, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Saturday September 17, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Damon Gupton](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Star Wars: A New Hope

JOHN WILLIAMS composer

GEORGE LUCAS director

FILM SERIES

Hocus Pocus—Film with Live Orchestra

[Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 2pm](#)

[Sarah Hicks](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Hocus Pocus

JOHN DEBNEY composer

KENNY ORTEGA director

FILM SERIES

Fantasia—Film with Live Orchestra

[Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Tim Davies](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Fantasia

VARIOUS composers

VARIOUS directors

FILM SERIES

The Godfather—Film with Live Orchestra

[Friday, November 25, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Stephen Mulligan](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony

The Godfather

NINO ROTA composer

FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA director

FILM SERIES

How the Grinch Stole Christmas—Film with Live Orchestra

[Friday, December 16, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 2:00pm](#)

[Joshua Gersen](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

JAMES HORNER composer

RON HOWARD director

FILM SERIES

Elf—Film with Live Orchestra

[Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 7:30pm](#)

[Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 2:00pm](#)

[John Jesensky](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony Chorus
San Francisco Symphony

Elf

JOHN DEBNEY composer

JON FAVREAU director

FILM SERIES

Jurassic Park—Film with Live Orchestra

[Friday, January 6, 2023 at 7:30pm](#)

[Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 7:30pm](#)

[Constantine Kitsopoulos](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Jurassic Park

JOHN WILLIAMS composer

STEVEN SPIELBERG director

FILM SERIES

Black Panther—Film with Live Orchestra

[Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:30pm](#)

[Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 7:30pm](#)

[Anthony Parnter](#) conductor
San Francisco Symphony

Black Panther

LUDWIG GÖRANSSON composer

RYAN COOGLER director

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