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SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ANNOUNCES TWO NEW UPCOMING PROGRAMS: VIDEO GAMES IN CONCERT WITH EÍMEAR NOONE AND BLACKSTAR SYMPHONY: THE MUSIC OF DAVID BOWIE

Composer and producer Eimear Noone conducts a program of music from classic video games, March 19

SF Symphony performs songs by David Bowie reimagined for orchestra, together with the band from Bowie's final album *Blackstar*, June 26

Tickets for both programs are on sale now at sfsymphony.org

SAN FRANCISCO, **CA**—The San Francisco Symphony announces two new upcoming performances as part of the 2024–25 season.

On March 19, composer and producer **Eímear Noone** conducts the San Francisco Symphony in a concert that explores the musical worlds and themes of classic video games, including *Civilization, The Last of Us, Castlevania, Fortnite, Baldur's Gate, Halo*, and more. This concert is the first time that this new Video Games in Concert program will be performed; Noone has presented previous versions of the concert with the Antwerp Symphony Orchestra, Iceland

Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and Royal Scottish National Orchestra. Based in Los Angeles and Dublin, Noone is one of the world's premier composers of video game scores, and she is responsible for some of the most enduring soundscapes on *World of Warcraft* and other bestselling video games. Noone's music has reached over 100 million people and has continually inspired players to invent and build new worlds for nearly 15 years. Her composition portfolio of 30 film, television, and video game titles has received multiple industry accolades including the Hollywood Music in Media Award for Best Video Game Score. Noone was recently announced as a lead composer of the upcoming video game *Vampire: The Masquerade – Bloodlines 2*, slated for an early 2025 release.

On June 26, the San Francisco Symphony presents **BLACKSTAR Symphony: The Music of David Bowie**, a concert celebrating David Bowie's final album *Blackstar*, created in collaboration with Artistic Director Donny McCaslin. The program, conducted by multi–Grammy Award-winner and one of the *Blackstar* orchestrators, Vince Mendoza, includes the album in its entirety plus some of Bowie's greatest hits: "Space Oddity," "Life on Mars," "Heroes", and more. Artistic Director and acclaimed saxophonist Donny McCaslin performs live onstage alongside his jazz quartet that recorded the *Blackstar* album. Joining them are Bowie's longtime bandmate Gail Ann Dorsey, vocalist David Poe, and special guest artist John Cameron Mitchell (best known for his starring role in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*).

As Rolling Stone declared, "*Blackstar* is Bowie's best." Get ready to witness it live, reimagined for the ages.

Tickets for Video Games in Concert with Eimear Noone and BLACKSTAR Symphony: The Music of David Bowie start at \$50 and are on sale now at sfsymphony.org.

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Tickets:

Tickets for concerts at Davies Symphony can be purchased via <u>sfsymphony.org</u> 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.

SPECIAL EVENT

Video Games in Concert with Eimear Noone Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 7:30pm

Eímear Noone conductor **San Francisco Symphony**

Tickets (starting at \$79): sfsymphony.org/videogames

SPECIAL EVENT

BLACKSTAR Symphony: The Music of David Bowie Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 7:30pm

Donny McCaslin artistic director Vince Mendoza conductor John Cameron Mitchell guest artist Gail Ann Dorsey vocalist David Poe vocalist Jason Lindner keyboard Tim Lefebvre bass Nate Wood drums San Francisco Symphony

Tickets (starting at \$50): sfsymphony.org/davidbowie

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