

GRAND RAPIDS SYMPHONY NEWS

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FROM J.K. ROWLING'S WIZARDING WORLD

Harry Potter

AND THE
CHAMBER
OF SECRETS™

— IN CONCERT —

Grand Rapids Symphony announces
The return of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series with
***Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™* in Concert**

Experience the second chapter of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series with the Grand Rapids Symphony performing music from the entire film live to picture

GRAND RAPIDS, MI, Sept. 13, 2017 – The Harry Potter Film Concert Series returns to DeVos Performance Hall with *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* in Concert, the second film in the Harry Potter series. On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29-30, the [Grand Rapids Symphony](#) will perform John Williams' unforgettable score live from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, while the entire film plays in high-definition on a 40-foot screen.

The Harry Potter Film Concert Series, which is another magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, kicked off in June 2016 with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in Concert and is scheduled to include hundreds of performances across more than 35 countries around the world through 2018.

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“When the Grand Rapids Symphony brought the Harry Potter Film Concert Series to town last season, we sold out three performances of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* in Concert,” said Peter Perez, President and CEO of the Grand Rapids Symphony. “Afterwards, the Symphony’s Facebook page lit up with comments from fans who said it was ‘absolutely phenomenal.’ We are thrilled to be able to bring the Harry Potter Film Concert Series back to DeVos Performance Hall along with our fabulous Grand Rapids Symphony.”

In *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, cars fly, trees fight back and a mysterious house-elf pays Harry a visit to warn him of what lies ahead this year in the world of wizardry. This year at Hogwarts, spiders talk, letters scold, and Harry’s own unsettling ability to speak to snakes causes his friends to doubt him. It’s a year of adventure and danger when bloody writing on a wall announces: “The Chamber of Secrets has been opened.” Saving Hogwarts will require all of Harry’s, Ron’s and Hermione’s magical abilities and courage.

Earning a Grammy nomination for the score, the incredible music composed by John Williams became an instant classic, conjuring beautiful and soaring motifs continuing the adventures of Harry Potter on his magical journey.

This film concert series has been created by CineConcerts, in partnership with Warner Bros. Consumer Products, and will be conducted by its creator and Producer, Justin Freer. He explains, “The Harry Potter film series continues to be a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that delights millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we introduced for the first time ever an opportunity to experience the award-winning music scores played live by a symphony orchestra, all while the beloved film is simultaneously projected onto the big screen. This will be another unforgettable event.”

Brady Beaubien of CineConcerts and Concert Producer for the Harry Potter Film Concert Series added, “Harry Potter is synonymous with excitement around the world and we hope that by performing this incredible music with the full movie, audiences will enjoy returning to this magical world, and to the many wonderful characters that inhabit it.”

Tickets, starting at \$18, are now on sale for [*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*](#) in Concert. Call the Grand Rapids Symphony at (616) 454-9451 ext. 4 or go online to GRSymphony.org for tickets for performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Tickets, also starting at \$18, are now on sale as well for [*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*](#) in Concert. Call the Grand Rapids Symphony at (616) 454-9451 ext. 4 or go online to GRSymphony.org for tickets for performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018.

For more information on the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, please visit www.harrypotterinconcert.com.

About CineConcerts

CineConcerts is one of the leading producers of live music experiences performed with visual media. Founded by producer/conductor Justin Freer and producer/writer Brady Beaubien, CineConcerts has engaged millions of people worldwide in concert presentations that redefine the evolution of live experience. Recent and current live concert experiences include *Gladiator*, *The Godfather*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *DreamWorks Animation In Concert*, *Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage 50th Anniversary Concert Tour*, and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

Justin Freer has quickly become one of the most sought-after conductors of film music with a long list of full symphonic live to projection projects. He has appeared with some of the world's leading orchestras including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and Sydney Symphony Orchestra. From full-length movie screenings with live orchestra to music-interactive sporting event experiences to original 3D-environment holiday programming, CineConcerts is at the forefront of live entertainment.

About Warner Bros. Consumer Products

Warner Bros. Consumer Products (WBCP), a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company, extends the Studio's powerful portfolio of entertainment brands and franchises into the lives of fans around the world. WBCP partners with best-in-class licensees globally on an award-winning range of toys, fashion, home décor, and publishing inspired by franchises and properties such as DC, J.K. Rowling's *Wizarding World*, *Looney Tunes* and *Hanna-Barbera*. The division's successful global themed entertainment business includes groundbreaking experiences such as *The Wizarding World of Harry Potter and Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi* (opening 2018). With innovative global licensing and merchandising programs, retail initiatives, promotional partnerships and themed experiences, WBCP is one of the leading licensing and retail merchandising organizations in the world.

About the Grand Rapids Symphony

Organized in 1930, the [Grand Rapids Symphony](#) is nationally recognized for the quality of its concerts and educational programs. Led by Music Director Marcelo Lehninger, Principal Pops Conductor Bob Bernhardt and Associate Conductor John Varineau, nine concert series are presented, featuring a wide range of music and performance styles. More than 400 performances are given each year, touching the lives of some 200,000, nearly half of whom are students, senior citizens and people with disabilities all reached through extensive education and community service programs. Affiliated organizations include the Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus; Grand Rapids Youth Symphony and Classical Orchestra; and Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Choruses. GRS provides the orchestra for performances by [Opera Grand Rapids](#) and the [Grand Rapids Ballet](#) and sponsors the biennial [Grand Rapids Bach Festival](#), which returns in March 2017.

To learn more about the [Grand Rapids Symphony](#), please visit the website or

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