

**2025–2026 | 126th Season**  
**Marian Anderson Hall**

# The Philadelphia Orchestra

Friday, September 26, at 7:00  
Saturday, September 27, at 2:00  
Sunday, September 28, at 2:00

**Justin Freer** Conductor



Cars fly, trees fight back, and a mysterious house-elf comes to warn Harry Potter™ at the start of his second year at Hogwarts™. Adventure and danger await when bloody writing on a wall announces: The Chamber of Secrets has been opened. To save Hogwarts will require all of Harry, Ron, and Hermione's magical abilities and courage.

This program runs approximately 3 hours, including one intermission.

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## *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

Directed by Chris Columbus

Produced by David Heyman

Written by Steve Kloves

Based on *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J.K. Rowling

Starring:

Daniel Radcliffe

Rupert Grint

Emma Watson

Kenneth Branagh

John Cleese

Robbie Coltrane

Warwick Davis

Richard Griffiths

Richard Harris

Jason Isaacs

Alan Rickman

Fiona Shaw

Maggie Smith

Julie Walters

Music by John Williams

Cinematography by Roger Pratt

Edited by Peter Honess

Produced by Heyday Films, 1492 Pictures

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Jeff Busco

# The Philadelphia Orchestra

The world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra strives to share the transformative power of music with the widest possible audience, and to create joy, connection, and excitement through music in the Philadelphia region, across the country, and around the world. Through innovative programming, robust education initiatives, a commitment to its diverse communities, and the embrace of digital outreach, the ensemble is creating an expansive and inclusive future for classical music. In June 2021 the Orchestra and its home, the Kimmel Center, united. Today, The Philadelphia Orchestra and Ensemble Arts brings the greatest performances and most impactful education and community programs to audiences in Philadelphia and beyond.

Yannick Nézet-Séguin is now in his 14th season with The Philadelphia Orchestra, serving as music and artistic director. His connection to the ensemble's musicians has been praised by both concertgoers and critics, and he is esteemed by the musicians of the Orchestra, audiences, and the community. In addition to expanding the repertoire by embracing an ever-growing and diverse group of today's composers, Yannick and the Orchestra are committed to performing and recording the works of previously overlooked composers.

Your Philadelphia Orchestra takes great pride in its hometown, performing for the people of Philadelphia year-round, at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, throughout the community, over the airwaves, and online. The Kimmel Center has been the ensemble's home since 2001, and in 2024 Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center was officially rededicated as Marian Anderson Hall in honor of the legendary

contralto, civil rights icon, and Philadelphian. The Orchestra's award-winning education and community programs connect, uplift, and celebrate nearly 40,000 Philadelphians and 250 schools from diverse communities annually, through inclusive arts education and vibrant engagement that reflect our city's voices and expand access to creative opportunities. Students, families, and other community members can enjoy free and discounted experiences with The Philadelphia Orchestra through programs such as the Jane H. Kesson School Concerts, Family Concerts, Open Rehearsals, Play!Ns, and Our City, Your Orchestra community concerts.

Through concerts, tours, residencies, and recordings, the Orchestra is a global ambassador and one of our nation's greatest exports. It performs annually at Carnegie Hall, the Mann Center, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, and the Bravo! Vail Music Festival. The Orchestra also has a rich touring history, having first performed outside Philadelphia in its earliest days. In 1973 it became the first American orchestra to perform in the People's Republic of China, launching a now-five-decade commitment of people-to-people exchange through music.

Under Yannick's leadership, the Orchestra returned to recording with 15 celebrated releases on the Deutsche Grammophon label, including the GRAMMY® Award-winning *Florence Price Symphonies Nos. 1 & 3*. The Orchestra also reaches thousands of radio listeners with weekly broadcasts on WRTI-FM and SiriusXM. For more information, please visit [www.philorch.org](http://www.philorch.org).

# Composer



In a career spanning more than six decades, **John Williams** has become one of America's most accomplished and successful composers for film and for the concert stage, and he remains one of our nation's most distinguished and contributive musical voices. He has composed the music and served as music director for more than 100 films, including all nine *Star Wars* films, the first three *Harry Potter* films, *Superman*, *JFK*, *Born on the Fourth of July*, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *Far and Away*, *The Accidental Tourist*, *Home Alone*, and *The Book Thief*.

His 50-year artistic partnership with director Steven Spielberg has resulted in many of Hollywood's most acclaimed and successful films, including *Schindler's List*, *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the *Indiana Jones* films, *Munich*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *The Adventures of Tintin*, *War Horse*, *Lincoln*, *The BFG*, *The Post*, and *The Fabelmans*. His contributions to television music include scores for more than 200 films for the groundbreaking, early anthology series *Alcoa Theatre*, *Kraft Television Theatre*, *Chrysler Theatre*, and *Playhouse 90*, as well as themes for *NBC Nightly News* ("The Mission"), NBC's *Meet the Press*, and the PBS arts showcase *Great Performances*. He also composed themes for the 1984, 1988, and 1996 Summer Olympic Games and the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. He has received five Academy Awards and 54 Oscar nominations, making him the Academy's most nominated living person and the second-most nominated person in the history of the Oscars. He has received seven British Academy Awards (BAFTA), 26 GRAMMYS, four Golden Globes, five Emmys, and numerous gold and platinum records. In 2003 he received the Olympic Order (the IOC's highest honor) for his contributions to the Olympic movement. He received the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors in December 2004. In 2009 he was inducted into the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and received the National Medal of Arts, the highest award given to artists by the United States Government. In 2016 he received the 44th Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute—the first time this honor was bestowed upon a composer. In 2020 he received Spain's Princess of Asturias Award for the Arts as well as the Gold Medal from the prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society in the United Kingdom and was awarded an honorary knighthood of the British Empire, one of the final awards approved by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In January 1980 Mr. Williams was named 19th music director of the Boston Pops Orchestra, succeeding the legendary Arthur Fiedler; he currently holds the title of laureate conductor, which he assumed following his retirement in December 1993 after 14 highly successful seasons. He also holds the title of artist-in-residence at Tanglewood. He has composed numerous works for the concert stage, among them two symphonies, and concertos

commissioned by several of the world's leading orchestras, including a cello concerto for the Boston Symphony, a bassoon concerto for the New York Philharmonic, a trumpet concerto for the Cleveland Orchestra, and a horn concerto for the Chicago Symphony. In 2009 the Boston Symphony premiered his harp concerto, *On Willows and Birches*, and in the same year, he composed and arranged *Air and Simple Gifts* especially for the first inaugural ceremony of President Barack Obama.

In 2021 Mr. Williams premiered his Second Violin Concerto with the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood with soloist Anne-Sophie Mutter, for whom he composed the work.

# Conductor



American composer/conductor **Justin Freer** was born and raised in Huntington Beach, California. He has established himself as one of the West Coast's most exciting musical voices and is a highly sought-after conductor and producer of film music concerts around the world. He began his formal studies on trumpet, but quickly turned to piano and composition, composing his first work at 11 and giving his professional conducting debut at 16.

Continually composing for various different mediums, Mr. Freer has written music for world-renowned trumpeters Doc Severinsen and Jens Lindemann and continues to be in demand as a composer and conductor for everything from orchestral literature to chamber music around the world.

Mr. Freer has served as composer for several independent films and has written motion picture advertising music for some of 20th Century Fox Studios' biggest campaigns including *Avatar*, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, and *Aliens in the Attic*. As a conductor he has appeared with some of the most well-known orchestras in the world including the Chicago Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the London Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the New York Philharmonic; he made his Philadelphia Orchestra debut in 2014. He is also one of the only conductors to have ever conducted in both the ancient Colosseum and Circus Maximus in Rome.

Renowned wind conductor and Oxford Round Table Scholar Dr. Rikard Hansen has noted that, "In totality, Freer's exploration in musical sound evoke moments of highly charged drama, alarming strife and serene reflection."

Mr. Freer has been recognized with numerous grants and awards from organizations including ASCAP, BMI, the Society of Composers and Lyricists, and the Henry Mancini Estate. He is the founder and president of CineConcerts, a company dedicated to the preservation and concert presentation of film, curating and conducting hundreds of full length music score performances live with film for such wide ranging titles as *Rudy*, *Gladiator*, *The Godfather*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *It's A Wonderful Life*, and the entire *Harry Potter* film franchise.

Mr. Freer earned both his B.A. and M.A. degrees in music composition from UCLA, where his principal composition teachers included Paul Chihara and Ian Krouse. In addition, he was mentored by legendary composer/conductor Jerry Goldsmith.

## ***Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets in Concert, Produced by CineConcerts***

Justin Freer, President/Founder/Producer

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CineConcerts is one of the leading producers of live and digital music experiences performed with visual media and continues to redefine entertainment. Founded by Producer/Conductor Justin Freer and Producer/Writer Brady Beaubien, CineConcerts will engage over 4.8 million people worldwide in concert presentations in over 3,000 scheduled performances in 48 countries through 2025, and recently launched CineConcerts +PLUS, a global digital network and app suite with hundreds of exclusive podcast episodes and produced content. Cineconcerts continues to work with some of the most prestigious orchestras and venues in the world including the Chicago Symphony; the Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Philharmonia orchestras; and the London, Los Angeles, and New York philharmonics. Recent and current live and digital concert experiences include *Elf in Concert*, *The Pinball Concert (Digital)*, *The Polar Express in Concert*, *Rudy in Concert*, *The Passion of the Christ in Concert*, *the Da Vinci Code in Concert*, *the Harry Potter Film Concert Series*, *Gladiator Live*, *The Godfather Live*, *It's a Wonderful Life in Concert*, *DreamWorks Animation in Concert*, *Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage 50th Anniversary Concert Tour*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's in Concert*, and *A Christmas Dream Live*.

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