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## ***THE ART OF THE SCORE*** **2024–25 Season Live-to-Film Presentations**

### **Series Marks 50th Anniversary of *Jaws* and 40th Anniversary of *Back to the Future***

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The New York Philharmonic announces details of its 2024–25 season of *The Art of the Score*, which presents the Orchestra performing scores live alongside screenings of films. The 2024–25 season’s *Art of the Score* series includes four films, two of which are celebrating milestone anniversaries, and two whose scores are being performed for the first time in New York City.

The performances of *The Art of the Score* — all of which take place in the Wu Tsai Theater at David Geffen Hall — are as follows:

- Opening the season’s film series, Anthony Parnter returns to conduct the NY Phil in John Williams’s score to *Jaws*, directed by Steven Spielberg, September 26–28, 2024. These performances mark the New York Premiere of the score performed live to film. Released in theaters in 1975, *Jaws* celebrates its **50th anniversary** in the 2024–25 season.
- Justin Freer leads the Orchestra in John Debney’s score to *Elf*, directed by Jon Favreau, December 19–22, 2024. These performances mark the New York Premiere of the score performed live to film.
- David Newman conducts the Philharmonic in Alan Silvestri’s score to *Back to the Future*, directed by Robert Zemeckis, March 19–22, 2025. Released in theaters in 1985, *Back to the Future* celebrates its **40th anniversary** in the 2024–25 season.
- Sarah Hicks, in her NY Phil conducting debut, leads the Orchestra in John Williams’s score to *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*, directed by Irvin Kershner, June 11–14, 2025.

Inaugurated in September 2013 to highlight the role that music has played throughout film history, *The Art of the Score*’s first iteration included orchestral selections from the films of Alfred Hitchcock as well as the complete score to Stanley Kubrick’s *2001: A Space Odyssey* performed live to film.

## **Biographies**

[Justin Freer](#), [Sarah Hicks](#), [David Newman](#), [Anthony Parnter](#), [New York Philharmonic](#)

## **Tickets**

Tickets to New York Philharmonic performances may be purchased online at [nyphil.org](http://nyphil.org) or by calling **(212) 875-5656**, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Tickets may also be purchased at the **Welcome Center at David Geffen Hall**. The Welcome Center opens at 10:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and at noon on Sunday. On performance evenings, the Welcome Center closes one-half hour after performance time; other evenings it closes at 6:00 p.m.

For press tickets, contact Lanore Carr at (212) 875-5714 or [carrl@nyphil.org](mailto:carrl@nyphil.org).

## **Event Listing**

### ***THE ART OF THE SCORE: JAWS'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY***

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 27, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Anthony Parnter, conductor

John WILLIAMS

*Jaws* in Concert (New York Premiere—  
score performed live to complete film)

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### ***THE ART OF THE SCORE: ELF IN CONCERT***

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Justin Freer, conductor

John DEBNEY

*Elf* in Concert (New York Premiere—  
score performed live to complete film)

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**THE ART OF THE SCORE: BACK TO THE FUTURE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 21, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

David Newman, conductor

Alan SILVESTRI

*Back to the Future* in Concert (score performed  
live to complete film)

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**THE ART OF THE SCORE: STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK IN CONCERT**

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Hicks\*\*\*, conductor

John WILLIAMS

*Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* in Concert  
(score performed live to complete film)

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\*\*\* *New York Philharmonic conducting debut*

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