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Composer Joe Hisaishi to conduct The Cleveland Orchestra this September



(Photo credit: Nick Rutter)

CLEVELAND— The Cleveland Orchestra is excited to announce globally renowned and award-winning composer, music director, conductor, and pianist Joe Hisaishi will make his debut with the Orchestra on September 4 and 5 at Severance Music Center.

Hisaishi conducts The Cleveland Orchestra in three of his own compositions, including his Symphony No. 3 and the U.S. premiere of a concert suite from the 2023 Golden Globe and Academy Award–winning animated film *The Boy and the Heron*. Also on the program is *Viola Saga for Orchestra* with soloist Antoine Tamestit, who performed the world premiere of the work in Japan and later recorded it with Hisaishi and the Wiener Symphoniker in 2023 on Deutsche Grammophon to critical acclaim.

Dubbed “the John Williams of Japan” by *Pitchfork* in 2017, Joe Hisaishi is one of the most celebrated composers of our time. With a career spanning four decades, he has composed music for more than 100 films and won seven Japanese Academy Awards for Best Music. He is best known for his long-standing collaboration with director Hayao Miyazaki, composing music for 12 Studio Ghibli films.

Hisaishi’s work combines classical, minimalist, and electronic elements to create evocative, lush compositions that have captivated listeners worldwide. His scores are beloved by fans across generations, and his live performances continue to sell out in major venues, including Royal Albert Hall in London, The Wiener Musikverein, and Suntory Hall in Tokyo, and Carnegie Hall.

Photos available for [download here](#).

Ticket Information

Ticket presale starts March 27, at 10 a.m. The general onsale begins March 28, at 10 a.m. Tickets are available through the Severance Music Center Ticket Office by calling 216-231-1111 or by visiting clevelandorchestra.com.

Calendar Listing

HISAISHI CONDUCTS HISAISHI

Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Friday, September 5, 2025, at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Joe Hisaishi, *conductor*

Antoine Tamestit, *viola*

JOE HISAISHI Suite from *The Boy and the Heron* (U.S. Premiere)

JOE HISAISHI *Viola Saga for Orchestra*

JOE HISAISHI Symphony No. 3, "Metaphysica"

All programs and artists are subject to change.

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