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The Cleveland Orchestra unwraps Christmas in July promotion with five additions to 2025–26 season

CLEVELAND— The Cleveland Orchestra is spreading cheer early this summer with its Christmas in July promotion, announcing five exciting additions to its 2025–26 season at Severance Music Center. The new performances expand the Orchestra’s popular film concerts and seasonal offerings, bringing classic movies, timeless music, and a touch of holiday magic to Northeast Ohio.

It’s a suspense-filled November as the Orchestra performs Bernard Herrmann’s scores to two Alfred Hitchcock classics while the full films are shown on the big screen. First comes *Psycho* on Wednesday, November 5, followed by *Vertigo* on Friday, November 7.

Holiday spirit arrives with performances of the 2000 live-action film *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* on Tuesday, December 9, and Wednesday, December 10. Jim Carey transforms into the famous Dr. Seuss character while The Cleveland Orchestra performs James Horner’s whimsical and mischievous score.

Voctave’s 11-member vocal ensemble brings incredible harmonies to Severance Music Center on Thursday, December 11. The group’s holiday spectacular *It Feels Like Christmas* includes a stocking full of holiday favorites from their chart-topping album and is sure to be a magical evening of music for the whole family.

On Friday, February 13, and Sunday, February 15, The Cleveland Orchestra presents **Disney and Pixar’s UP** featuring the complete film with Oscar and Grammy-winning composer Michael Giacchino’s musical score performed live. Giacchino’s score conveys themes of comedy and action-adventure, embracing the emotional side with his sentimental “Married Life” suite, which earned Giacchino his first Academy Award.

[Images available for download here.](#)

Ticket Information

Presale tickets go on sale for select Cleveland Orchestra donors, subscribers, and members at 10 a.m. on July 17. Ticket sales for the general public begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 21. Purchase tickets by going to clevelandorchestra.com, calling Ticket Services at 216-231-1111, or visiting the box office at Severance Music Center.

Calendar Listings:

Psycho

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Joshua Gersen, *conductor*

HERRMANN *Psycho* (film with live orchestral underscore)

Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* redefined the thriller genre with its chilling story and unforgettable imagery. Starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh, the film's suspense is intensified by Bernard Herrmann's nerve-jangling score. From the shocking shower scene to its twist ending, *Psycho* keeps audiences on edge. Rated R.

Vertigo

Friday, November 7, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Joshua Gersen, *conductor*

HERRMANN *Vertigo* (film with live orchestral underscore)

Alfred Hitchcock's psychological thriller *Vertigo*, starring James Stewart and Kim Novak, is a haunting exploration of obsession and identity set against the backdrop of 1950s San Francisco. Bernard Herrmann's score heightens the film's intensity and suspense, adding tension to every twist and turn of the story. Rated PG.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Vinay Parameswaran, *conductor*

HORNER *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (film with live orchestral underscore)

Discover the magic of the Mean One this holiday season. Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* is a celebration of the holiday spirit no home should be without! Why is the Grinch such a grouch? No one seems to know, until little Cindy Lou Who takes matters into her own hands and turns both Whoville and the Grinch's world upside down, inside out, and funny side up in her search for the true meaning of Christmas.

Voctave

Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.*

Voctave's 11-member vocal ensemble brings incredible harmonies to favorites from the Disney screen to the Broadway stage. This a cappella sensation has more than 150 million social media views of their videos and has appeared on countless recordings. Voctave's holiday spectacular *It Feels Like Christmas* includes a stocking full of holiday favorites from their chart-topping album and is sure to be a magical evening of music for the whole family.

**The Cleveland Orchestra does not appear on this program.*

Disney and Pixar's *UP*

Friday, February 13, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 3 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Brett Mitchell, *conductor*

MICHAEL GIACCHINO *UP* (film with live orchestral underscore)

In the Oscar-winning film directed by Pete Docter, a 78-year-old curmudgeonly balloon salesman is not your average hero. When he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America, he finally fulfills his lifelong dream of adventure. But after Carl discovers an 8-year-old stowaway named Russell, this unlikely duo soon finds themselves on a hilarious journey in a lost world filled with danger and surprises.

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