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The Cleveland Orchestra brings *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Star Wars: A New Hope* to Blossom Music Center




Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban and *Star Wars: A New Hope*

CLEVELAND— The Cleveland Orchestra invites audiences to experience two iconic film franchises at Blossom Music Center next summer with performances of *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Star Wars: A New Hope*, celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The *Harry Potter* Film Concert Series returns to Blossom Music Center with ***Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert*** on July 31 and August 1, 2027. Conductor Brett Mitchell leads The Cleveland Orchestra in this magical score live while the entire film plays in high definition on the big screens.

In their third year at Hogwarts, Harry, Ron and Hermione meet escaped prisoner Sirius Black and learn to handle a Hippogriff, repel shape-shifting Boggarts, and master the art of Divination. Harry must also withstand soul-sucking Dementors, outsmart a dangerous werewolf, and deal with the truth about Sirius and his relationship to Harry and his parents.

Earning an Oscar nomination for the score, the spellbinding and masterful music composed by John Williams became a celebrated classic, with beautiful, soaring motives accompanying the adventures of Harry Potter and his friends on their continuing magical journey.

The Cleveland Orchestra presents ***Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert*** featuring a screening of the complete film with Williams's Oscar-winning score on September 3, 4, and 5, 2027.

Legendary composer Williams is well known for scoring all nine of the *Star Wars* saga films, beginning with 1977's *Star Wars* for which he earned an Academy Award for Best Original Score. His scores for subsequent *Star Wars* films *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*, *The Force Awakens*, *The Last Jedi*, and *The Rise of Skywalker* were each Oscar-nominated for Best Original Score.

In *Star Wars: A New Hope,* Luke Skywalker begins a journey that will change the galaxy. Nineteen years after the formation of the Empire, Luke is thrust into the struggle of the Rebel Alliance when he meets Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi, who has lived in seclusion for years on the desert planet of Tatooine. Obi-Wan begins Luke's Jedi training as Luke joins him on a daring mission to rescue the beautiful Rebel leader Princess Leia from the clutches of Darth Vader and the evil Empire.

Media Assets
Photos available for download here.

Ticket Information
Tickets for *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Star Wars: A New Hope* at Blossom Music Center go on sale at 10 a.m. on November 10. For tickets, contact the Severance Music Center Ticket Office by phone at 216-231-1111 or go to clevelandorchestra.com.

Lawn Ticket Books for the 2027 Blossom Music Festival are available now for $180. Each Lawn Ticket Book comes with 10 Lawn/General Admission tickets and 20 Under 18s Free passes.

Parking passes for the 2027 Blossom Music Festival are also available through the box office for $35 for Goodyear Lot A and $15 for other paved lots.

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Calendar Listing

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert
Saturday, July 31, 2027, at 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 1, 2027, at 7 p.m.
Blossom Music Center
The Cleveland Orchestra
Brett Mitchell, *conductor*

JOHN WILLIAMS *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (film with live orchestra underscore)

Relive the magic of your favorite wizard in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert.* Based on the third installment of the classic saga, the thrilling tale is accompanied by the music of The Cleveland Orchestra as Harry soars across the big screen.

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Star Wars: A New Hope in Concert
Friday, September 3, 2027, at 7 p.m.
Saturday, September 4, 2027, at 7 p.m.
Sunday, September 5, 2027, at 7 p.m.
The Cleveland Orchestra

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