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The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of *Star Wars* With a Spectacular Live-to-Film Concert at PPG Paints Arena

*On May 25, 2027, 50 years to the day after the film's release, UPMC Movies with the PSO presents John Williams' legendary score performed live alongside *Star Wars: A New Hope* in an immersive arena production*

PITTSBURGH — Fifty years to the day after *Star Wars* first premiered in theaters, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will present [Star Wars: A New Hope at PPG Paints Arena](#) as part of UPMC Movies with the PSO. Led by PSO Associate Conductor Jacob Joyce on May 25, 2027, John Williams' ACADEMY Award®-winning score will be performed as the film plays on the arena's giant screens in a one-night-only celebration of one of the most beloved films of all time.

The concert will be both a visual and musical spectacle. The production will use PPG Paints Arena's incredible four-sided videoboard, made up of four 50-foot-by-32-foot screens with over 32 million pixels, along with two 360-degree LED rings and dynamic lighting and special effects, creating an immersive experience unlike any other *Star Wars* concert. Fans will also find special activations throughout the arena before the show and during intermission.

The orchestra will be positioned beneath the main videoboard, facing Section 112. The performance will be professionally amplified and broadcast throughout the arena via the venue's sound system, ensuring clear audio for all attendees. Additionally, because the videoboard features a 360-degree display, the accompanying video content will be visible from every seat in the arena.

Since the release of this first *Star Wars* film in 1977, the *Star Wars* saga has had a seismic impact on both cinema and culture, inspiring audiences around the world with its mythic storytelling, captivating characters, groundbreaking special effects and iconic musical scores composed by Williams. Fans will experience the scope and grandeur of this beloved film in a live symphonic concert experience.

"There's no score more iconic than *Star Wars*, and no better way to mark its 50th anniversary than hearing it performed live by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Bringing the orchestra to PPG Paints Arena lets us share this music with more fans than ever, in a production designed to be as epic as the film itself," said Melia Tourangeau, President & CEO of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.



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.

The presentation is licensed by Disney Concerts. The concert is part of UPMC Movies with the PSO, the orchestra's film-with-live-orchestra series, which takes its new name this season as UPMC signs on as title sponsor.

[Tickets begin at \\$45 and will be available to the public on Thursday, October 15 at 10AM.](#)

The performance at PPG Paints Arena replaces a concert previously scheduled for May 25 at Heinz Hall. Ticket holders for this performance will receive priority seating for the performance at PPG Paints Arena and can receive new tickets by contacting the Heinz Hall ticket office at 412-392-4900.

About UPMC Movies with the PSO

UPMC Movies with the PSO brings beloved films to the big screen with their scores performed live by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Each film is shown in full, with its original dialogue and sound effects, while the orchestra plays the soundtrack perfectly in sync with the picture. Played by one of the world's great orchestras, music that audiences know and love comes to life in performance. The series ranges from blockbuster franchises like Harry Potter and Star Wars to animated favorites and classics. In October 2026, UPMC became the series' title sponsor, continuing its investment in the Symphony, and in shared experiences that bring our region together. For the full season lineup, [visit our website](#).

About Disney Concerts

Disney Concerts is the concert production and licensing division of Disney Music Group, the music arm of The Walt Disney Company. Disney Concerts produces concerts and tours, and licenses Disney music and visual content to symphony orchestras, choruses and presenters on a worldwide basis. Disney Concerts' concert packages include a variety of formats, such as "live-to-picture" film concerts, and themed instrumental and vocal compilation concerts that range from instrumental-only symphonic performances to multimedia productions featuring live vocalists and choirs. Featuring concerts from the largest movie franchises in the world – from Walt Disney Pictures, Walt Disney Animation Studios, Marvel Studios, Lucasfilm, Pixar and 20th Century Studios – current titles include the Star Wars Film Concert Series, Toy Story, Disney Princess: The Concert, Coco, The Lion King, Up, Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Muppet Christmas Carol and Infinity Saga Concert Experience.

Event Details

Star Wars' 50th Anniversary: A New Hope in Concert

Tuesday, May 25, 2027, 7:00PM.



Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

Jacob Joyce, conductor

Tickets: on sale Thursday, 10/15 at 10AM at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)

Venue: PPG Paints Arena, 1001 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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