

## Jacksonville Symphony Performs *Raiders of the Lost Ark* in Concert on February 16 & 17

Jacksonville, FL (February 7, 2018) --- The Jacksonville Symphony performs *Raiders of the Lost Ark* in Concert on February 16 and 17.

**WHAT:** The film that gave the world one of its greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever before! Relive the magic on the silver screen with the original great adventure... *Raiders of the Lost Ark*... with John Williams' epic score performed live to picture by a full symphony orchestra!

The year is 1936, and professor of archeology and "obtainer of rare antiquities" Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) is tasked by U.S. Army Intelligence to recover the legendary Ark of the Covenant before it falls into the hands of the Nazis. Indy's quest takes him to Nepal and Egypt, reuniting him with an old friend (John Rhys-Davies), an old foe (Paul Freeman), and an ex-flame (Karen Allen) who falls somewhere in between. Armed with his hat, whip and wits, our intrepid hero must face formidable enemies – and impossible odds – to save the day and the world.

**WHO:** In a career spanning more than five decades, **John Williams** has become one of America's most accomplished and successful composers for film and for the concert stage, and he remains one of our nation's most distinguished and contributive musical voices. He has composed the music for more than one hundred films, including all eight *Star Wars* films, the first three *Harry Potter* films, *Superman*, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *Home Alone* and *The Book Thief*. His 45-year artistic partnership with director Steven Spielberg has resulted in many of Hollywood's most acclaimed and successful films, including *Schindler's List*, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, *Jaws*, *Jurassic Park*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the *Indiana Jones* films, *Saving Private Ryan*, *Lincoln*, *The BFG* and *The Post*. Williams has composed themes for four Olympic Games. He served as music director of the Boston Pops Orchestra for fourteen seasons and remains their laureate conductor. Williams has received five Academy Awards® and 51 Oscar® nominations (making him the second-most nominated person in the history of the Oscars®), seven British Academy Awards, twenty-four Grammys, four Golden Globes, and five Emmys. In 2016 he received the 44<sup>th</sup> Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute – the first time a composer was honored with this award.

**WHEN:** The concert will take place on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17 at **7 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Both concerts will take place in Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

**TICKETS:** For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Ticket Office at 904.354.5547 or visit [JaxSymphony.org](http://JaxSymphony.org).

**SPONSORS:** This concert is presented by BRASS and the DuBow Family Foundation.

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