

**FROM JAWS TO JURASSIC PARK, THE JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY PERFORMS
*THE MUSIC OF JOHN WILLIAMS***

Jacksonville, FL (September 12, 2018) --- Known as one of the most prolific film scores composers of all time, John Williams has created more than 100 scores to some of our cinematic favorites. Performing selections including *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter* and *Superman*, the Jacksonville Symphony will have you flying through the sky and exploring the halls of Hogwarts during this magical weekend of symphonic music.

JOHN WILLIAMS: 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 and served as music director for more than one hundred films, including all eight *Star Wars* films, the first three *Harry Potter* films, *Superman*, *JFK*, *Born on the Fourth of July*, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, *Far and Away*, *The Accidental Tourist*, *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, *Munich*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *The Adventures of Tintin*, *War Horse* and *Lincoln*. He has received five Academy Awards and 50 Oscar nominations, making him the Academy's most-nominated living person and the second-most nominated person in the history of the Oscars. He has received seven British Academy Awards (BAFTA), twenty-three Grammys, four Golden Globes, five Emmys, and numerous gold and platinum records. In 2016, he received the 44th Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute – the first time in their history that this honor was bestowed upon a composer.

WHEN: The concerts will take place on **Friday, September 21 and Saturday, September 22**. The Friday will feature two performances, a one-hour Raymond James Coffee Series concert at 11 a.m. and a full Fidelity Financial Pops Series concert at 8 p.m. Saturday's performance will be at 8 p.m.

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

TICKETS: For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Ticket Office at 904.354.5547 or visit JaxSymphony.org.

Sponsors: These concerts are a part of the Fidelity National Financial Pops Series and the Raymond James Coffee Series.

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