

**JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY “FOLLOWS THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD” TO OZ WITH
*THE WIZARD OF OZ – FILM WITH ORCHESTRA***

Jacksonville, FL (May 21, 2019) --- The Jacksonville Symphony will perform the last *Symphonic Night at the Movies Series* concert will cinema classic, *The Wizard of Oz*, on May 31 and June 2.

WHAT: The MGM classic film returns to the big screen at Jacoby Symphony Hall with its Oscar-winning score played live by the Jacksonville Symphony. This film that “has youngsters’ eyes shining and brought a quietly amused gleam to the wiser ones of the oldsters” (*New York Times*) features a young Judy Garland singing the timeless hit “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.”

When a tornado rips through Kansas, Dorothy (Judy Garland) and her dog, Toto, are whisked away in their house to the magical Land of Oz. They follow the Yellow Brick Road toward the Emerald City to meet the Wizard, and en route they meet a Scarecrow (Ray Bolger) that needs a brain, a Tin Man (Jack Haley) missing a heart, and a Cowardly Lion (Bert Lahr) who wants courage. The Wizard asks the group to bring him the broom of the Wicked Witch of the West (Margaret Hamilton) to earn his help.

Patrons are encourage to come dressed as their favorite *Wizard of Oz* character.

WHO: The performance will be led by Symphony Assistant Conductor Deanna Tham. Hailing from Saratoga, California, Tham has conducted and guest conducted all over the United States, most recently working with renowned conductors Marin Alsop and James Ross at the Cabrillo Contemporary Music Festival. Before joining the Jacksonville Symphony, Tham was the music director of the 350-piece Louisville Youth Orchestra. Tham has also served as the music director of the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and has conducted the Boise Philharmonic, Ballet Idaho and Opera Idaho.

WHEN: The performances will take place on Friday, May 31 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 2 at 3 p.m.

WHERE: All performances 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. You can also visit the Ticket Office Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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