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**THE PEORIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES  
*HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE™* IN CONCERT**

*For the first time in Peoria, IL, audiences will experience the Peoria Symphony Orchestra performing John Williams' music to the entire film live to picture from one of the most beloved film series in history*

*Tickets available at [peoriasymphony.org](http://peoriasymphony.org)*

**OCTOBER 2, 2018 – PEORIA, IL** – The Peoria Symphony Orchestra (PSO) will perform *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in Concert on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at a special concert time of 7:00 PM at the Peoria Civic Center Theater as part of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series. The concert will feature Maestro George Stelluto conducting the PSO in performing live, to picture, every note from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Audiences will be able to relive the magic of the entire film in high-definition on a 40-foot screen while hearing the PSO perform John Williams' unforgettable score live. Tickets are on sale at [peoriasymphony.org](http://peoriasymphony.org), by phone at 309.671.1096, or by visiting the PSO Box Office at 101 State St., Peoria, IL.

CineConcerts and Warner Bros. Consumer Products announced the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, a new global concert tour celebrating the Harry Potter films, in 2016. Since the world premiere of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in Concert in June 2016, more than half a million fans have enjoyed this magical experience from J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, which is scheduled to include over six-hundred performances across more than 38 countries worldwide through 2018.

In *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Harry Potter learns on his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday that he is the orphaned son of two wizards and possesses magical powers of his own. At Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, he learns the high-flying sport of Quidditch and plays a thrilling 'live' chess game en route to facing a Dark Wizard bent on destroying him.

Justin Freer, President of CineConcerts and Producer/Conductor of the Harry Potter Film Concert Series explains, "The Harry Potter film series is a once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomenon that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we bring fans for the first time ever an opportunity to experience the award-winning music scores played live by a symphony orchestra, all while the beloved film is simultaneously projected onto the big screen. This is truly an unforgettable event."

Brady Beaubien of CineConcerts and Concert Producer for the Harry Potter Film Concert Series notes, "Harry Potter is synonymous with excitement around the world and we hope that by performing this incredible music with the full movie, audiences will enjoy returning to the Wizarding World."

For more information on the Harry Potter Film Concert Series, please visit [www.harrypotterinconcert.com](http://www.harrypotterinconcert.com).

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### **About the Peoria Symphony Orchestra**

Founded in 1897, the Peoria Symphony Orchestra (PSO) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to entertain, educate, and inspire through music. The PSO presents excellent live musical performances, innovative music education programs, and engaging community outreach efforts, which significantly impact the cultural and economic vitality of Central Illinois.

### **About CineConcerts**

CineConcerts is one of the leading producers of live music experiences performed with visual media. Founded by producer/conductor Justin Freer and producer/writer Brady Beaubien, CineConcerts has engaged millions of people worldwide in concert presentations that redefine the evolution of live experience. Recent and current live concert experiences include *Gladiator*, *The Godfather*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *DreamWorks Animation In Concert*, *Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Tour*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, and *Rudy in Concert*.

Justin Freer has quickly become one of the most sought-after conductors of film music with a long list of full symphonic live to projection projects. He has appeared with some of the world's leading orchestras including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Cleveland Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and Sydney Symphony Orchestra. From full-length movie screenings with live orchestra to music-interactive sporting event experiences to original 3D-environment holiday programming, CineConcerts is at the forefront of live entertainment.

### **About Warner Bros. Consumer Products**

Warner Bros. Consumer Products (WBCP), a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company, extends the Studio's powerful portfolio of entertainment brands and franchises into the lives of fans around the world. WBCP partners with best-in-class licensees globally on an award-winning range of toys, fashion, home décor, and publishing inspired by franchises and properties such as DC, J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World, Looney Tunes and Hanna-Barbera. The division's successful global themed entertainment business includes groundbreaking experiences such as The Wizarding World of Harry Potter and Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi. With innovative global licensing and merchandising programs, retail initiatives, promotional partnerships and themed experiences, WBCP is one of the leading licensing and retail merchandising organizations in the world.

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