

Please note that the 10:00 AM concert is **sold out**. Limited tickets are still available for 11:45 AM. The Early Bird deadline has been extended to January 31, 2020. Regular prices apply beginning February 1, 2020.



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Dear Music Teacher, Principal, Superintendent, Fine Arts Coordinator, or Classroom Teacher,

The **Peoria Symphony Guild** invites your classroom to participate in a very engaging performance by the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, **specifically geared for students**, on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 10:00 or 11:45 a.m.

For decades, Central Illinois school children from the third to twelfth grades have taken a field trip to the Guild-sponsored *Annual Student Concert* to experience a live, interactive one-hour performance of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra. For some participants, this field trip supplements a rich music curriculum; for others, it is a rare exposure to classical music.

During the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Concert, *Music of the Movies - Star Wars and Harry Potter!*, students will be exposed to John Williams' **Star Wars Saga Suite** and the **Suite from Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban!** This concert also features the winner of the **Symphony Guild's Young Artists Competition** performing their concerto with the orchestra— it is sure to inspire your students!

PSO Music Director George Stelluto is always very creative in his approach to the Student Concerts. Beyond important exposure to live classical music, this field trip offers the opportunity for teachers to create a lesson on the composer John Williams and literature units on Star Wars and Harry Potter. Lessons on instrument families and the science of sound could also be incorporated.

An **Early Bird Discount** is available for those who get their paid reservation in early. Reserve the time you want for your school and get your reservations in with payment by Dec. 31, 2019, for an Early Bird price of \$5.00 per student/extra adult, and \$2.00 for students who receive a lunch subsidy. One free chaperone is allowed for every 15 paid students. Reservations made after January 1, 2020 will be \$6.00 per student/extra adult and \$3.00 for students who receive a lunch subsidy. A school reservation form and an information sheet on the Student Concerts are included in this packet. These are also downloadable at the PSO website: [peoriasymphony.org/events/annual-student-concert](http://peoriasymphony.org/events/annual-student-concert).

If you have any questions regarding ticketing, buses, etc., please contact **Laura Shane, PSO Guild Student Concert Chair, at 309-369-3724 or [shanefour@comcast.net](mailto:shanefour@comcast.net)**. We look forward to your attendance at this wonderful annual event!

Sincerely,

Julie Kotewa  
President, Peoria Symphony Guild