



**National Symphony Orchestra**  
The Kennedy Center

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**NSO POPS EXPLORES ICONIC MUSICAL MOMENTS  
FROM FAVORITE FILMS IN WALT DISNEY ANIMATION  
STUDIOS: A DECADE IN CONCERT**

**Including music from *Moana*, *Zootopia*, *Big Hero 6*, *Frozen*,  
*Wreck-It Ralph*, *Winnie the Pooh*, *Tangled*, *Princess and the Frog*,  
and *Bolt***

**November 23–25, 2018**

(WASHINGTON)— The National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) celebrates iconic moments in Disney animation this November as Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke leads the Orchestra through the best Disney songs of the past decade. Clips from nine films, from 2008’s *Bolt* to 2016’s *Moana*, will be shown on the big screen while the scores are performed live by the NSO. Highlights include music and scenes from three award-winning films, *Zootopia*, *Big Hero 6*, and *Frozen*. The performances— [Friday, November 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.](#); [Saturday, November 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.](#); and [Sunday, November 25, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.](#)—take place in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

Upcoming performances by the National Symphony Orchestra along with the films include *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi* (January 22–24, 2019) and *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (February 21–23, 2019).

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets (from \$29–\$79) are available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, online at [kennedy-center.org](http://kennedy-center.org), and via phone through Instant Charge, (202) 467-4700; toll-free at (800) 444-1324. For all other ticket-related customer service inquiries, call the Advance Sales Box Office at (202) 416-8540.

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## **ABOUT THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA POPS**

The 2018–2019 season marks the National Symphony Orchestra’s 88th, and Gianandrea Noseda’s second as its music director. The Italian conductor serves as the Orchestra’s seventh music director, joining the NSO’s legacy of such distinguished leaders. Its artistic leadership also includes Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke and Artistic Advisor Ben Folds.

Founded in 1931, the Orchestra has always been committed to artistic excellence and music education. In 1986, the National Symphony became an artistic affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where it performs year-round. The NSO’s community engagement projects are nationally recognized, including NSO In Your Neighborhood, an annual week of approximately 50 performances in schools, churches, community centers, and other unexpected venues; Notes of Honor, which offers free performances for active, veteran, prior service, and retired members of the military and their families; and Sound Health, a collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and its affiliated organizations. Career development opportunities for young musicians include the NSO Youth Fellowship Program and its tuition-free Summer Music Institute. For more information, visit [nationalsymphony.org](http://nationalsymphony.org).

Popular offerings have ranged from performances on a barge on the Potomac River, to concerts on the Ellipse, and in National Parks around the greater Washington area. The 2011–2012 season was the first with Steven Reineke as Principal Pops Conductor. NSO popular programming—which ranges in genre from Broadway and American song to jazz and from film scores to Hip Hop to rock ‘n’ roll—takes place at the NSO’s principal performance venues: the NSO’s primary home, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall, Wolf Trap, and the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, with a subscription season featuring a variety of musical genres.

## **FUNDING CREDITS:**

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