

Press Release

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**NSO KICKS OFF 2018–2019 POPS SEASON WITH
STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE
(FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA)
LED BY PRINCIPAL POPS CONDUCTOR
STEVEN REINEKE**

September 12–15, 2018

(WASHINGTON)—The National Symphony Orchestra begins its 2018–2019 season of popular programming with performances of John Williams’s memorable score to *Star Wars: A New Hope* to accompany the film as it’s shown on the big screen above the Orchestra. Concerts take place on [Wednesday and Thursday, September 12 and 13, at 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15, at 8 p.m.](#) in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. NSO Principal Pops Conductor Steven Reineke conducts.

Throughout the 2018–2019 season, the NSO also performs the scores to accompany other films in the series—*The Empire Strikes Back* (October 23–25), *Return of the Jedi* (January 22–24, 2019), and *The Force Awakens* (February 21–23, 2019)—as well as *Get Out* (September 20) and *Walt Disney Animation Studios: A Decade in Concert* (November 23–25, 2018).

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets (\$34–\$159) are available at the Kennedy Center Box Office, online at [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.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The 2018–2019 season marks the National Symphony Orchestra’s 88th, and Gianandrea Nosedà’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.

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