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The Louisville Orchestra presents  
**STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE IN CONCERT**  
ICONIC SCORE PERFORMED LIVE TO FILM

**Concert Features Composer John Williams' Complete Score from *A New Hope*  
Performed Live to Picture by the Louisville Orchestra,  
Conducted by Keitaro Harada**

Louisville, KY (December 6, 2018)... The Louisville Orchestra will present *Star Wars: A New Hope In Concert* featuring screenings of the complete film with Oscar®-winning composer John Williams' musical score performed live to the film. The concert will be led by acclaimed conductor Keitaro Harada at the Kentucky Center on Saturday, February 2 at 7:30PM and Sunday, February 3 at 3PM.

Tickets start at \$35 and are available by calling 502.584.7777 or visiting [LouisvilleOrchestra.org](http://LouisvilleOrchestra.org).



Set 30 years after *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*, *Star Wars: A New Hope*, the fourth episode of the saga, starts on the desert planet of Tatooine. A young Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) begins to discover his destiny when, searching for a lost droid, he is saved by reclusive Jedi Obi-Wan Kenobi (Alec Guinness). A civil war rages in the galaxy, and Rebel forces struggle against the evil Galactic Empire, Luke and Obi-Wan enlist the aid of hotshot pilot, Han Solo (Harrison Ford). Joined by the quirky droid duo R2-D2 and C-3PO, the unlikely team sets out to rescue Rebel leader Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) and make use of the stolen plans to destroy the Empire's ultimate weapon.

In a legendary confrontation, the rogue group mounts an attack against the Death Star for a climactic battle with the evil Sith Lord Darth Vader.

Since the release of the first *Star Wars* movie over 40 years ago, the *Star Wars* saga has had a seismic impact on both cinema and culture, inspiring audiences around the world with its mythic storytelling, captivating characters, groundbreaking special effects and iconic musical scores composed by John Williams.

Legendary composer Williams is well known for scoring all eight of the *Star Wars* saga films to date, beginning with 1977's *Star Wars: A New Hope* for which he earned an Academy Award® for Best Original Score. His scores for *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi*, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* and *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, were each nominated for Best Original Score.

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*Star Wars: A New Hope*™ in Concert | SAT 2 FEB | 7:30PM | SUN 3 FEB | 3PM | Keitaro Harada, conductor | The Kentucky Center

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