



## Press Release

### ***Dubai Opera announces two critically acclaimed films in concert for the 2019 Cinema Series: *The Godfather* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*™ in Concert***

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 16 January: Dubai Opera is thrilled to announce **two critically acclaimed films in concert for the 2019 Cinema Series**. Audiences will experience the entire films played in high definition on a large screen while the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra performs their complete scores. The symphony will play Nino Rota's iconic score from *The Godfather* for one night only on 28 February and John Williams' incredible music live from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*™ for four performances from 1 to 2 March, with both shows under the baton of American composer/conductor Justin Freer.

#### **The Godfather LIVE – 28th February 2019**

The Godfather LIVE brings Francis Ford Coppola's Masterpiece Film for the first time, making its debut at Dubai Opera on 28 February. Winner of three Academy® Awards and countless other honors, The Godfather remains one of the greatest films in the history of cinema. Nino Rota's iconic score accompanied by the film's traditional Italian folk music and jazz comes to life on stage, performed live by the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra while the film is simultaneously shown in high definition on the big screen.

#### **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™ in Concert – March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The Harry Potter Film Concert Series returns to Dubai Opera with Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™ in Concert, the second film in the Harry Potter series. On March 1 – 2, Justin Freer will conduct the Armenian State Symphony Orchestra in performing John Williams' unforgettable score live from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets while the entire film plays in high-definition™ on a 40-foot screen.

In Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, cars fly, trees fight back and a mysterious house-elf comes to warn Harry Potter at the start of his second year at Hogwarts. Adventure and danger await when bloody writing on a wall announces: The Chamber of Secrets has



been opened. To save Hogwarts will require all of Harry, Ron and Hermione's magical abilities and courage.

Earning a Grammy nomination for the score, the incredible music composed by John Williams became an instant classic, conjuring beautiful and soaring motifs continuing the adventures of Harry Potter on his magical journey.

**Dubai Opera's Chief Executive, Jasper Hope, commented:** "If you haven't seen a Hollywood blockbuster accompanied by a full live symphony orchestra then you've truly never experienced the incredible power of music to bring films to life."

**Performances:**

**The Godfather in Concert**

**28 Feb - 8pm**

**Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets™ in Concert**

**1 March - 3pm & 8pm**

**2 March - 2pm & 7pm**

Tickets for both performances start from AED 175 and are on sale Thursday 17 January at 12pm [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com) with a special early-bird discount of 20% on top 2 seating categories available until 31 January.

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**Note to Editors**

**About Dubai Opera:**

Dubai Opera is a truly unique venue and the city's first purpose built multi-format performing arts theatre, situated in the heart of Downtown Dubai. With an iconic dhow-shaped design rooted in Emirati heritage, Dubai Opera offers the ultimate flexibility of a proscenium arch theatre, an acoustic concert hall and a 2000m2 flat floor event space, and is the definitive destination for quality entertainment productions and performances. Dubai Opera's stage hosts an incredible array of world-class talent, with opera, ballet and classical music concerts and productions at the core, Dubai Opera also stages musical theatre, fashion shows, jazz, comedy, family shows and a full range of live entertainment. [www.dubaiopera.com](http://www.dubaiopera.com)

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[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 [Rudy in Concert](#), [The Harry Potter Film Concert Series](#), [Gladiator Live](#), [The Godfather Live](#), [It's a Wonderful Life in Concert](#), [DreamWorks Animation In Concert](#), [Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Tour](#), [Breakfast at Tiffany's in Concert](#), and [A Christmas Dream Live](#). 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, Los Angeles Philharmonic, 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.

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