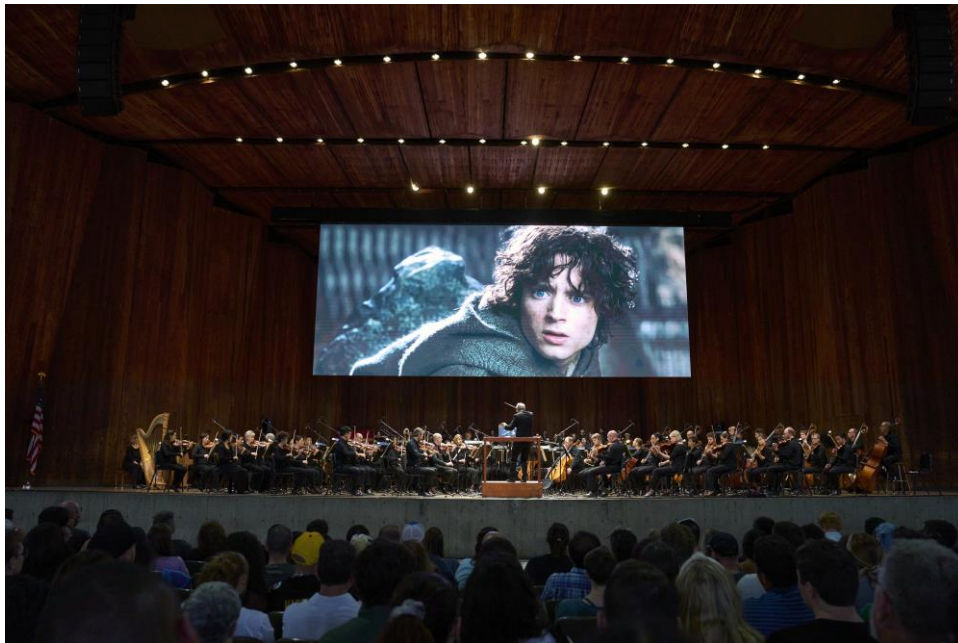


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The Cleveland Orchestra announces movie presentations for 2024 Blossom Music Festival



The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers at Blossom Music Center on July 28, 2023.

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CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Orchestra announced it will perform live in concert the scores from *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* during its 2024 Blossom Music Festival.

Experience these two fan favorite films in high definition on large screens at Blossom Music Center, The Cleveland Orchestra's scenic summer home in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, with the scores performed live to picture.

First, follow Indiana Jones on his quest in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on June 29 and 30. Harrison Ford plays the adventuring archaeologist in the 1981 movie directed by Steven Spielberg with the memorable score composed by the legendary John Williams.

Then, on August 2, 3, and 4, experience the final chapter of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy, *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*. The Blossom Festival Chorus and The Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus will join The Cleveland Orchestra to bring Howard Shore's Academy Award-winning

score to life. Based on the novels of J.R.R. Tolkien, the film follows Frodo, Sam, and Gollum as they journey to Mount Doom to destroy the One Ring with the fate of Middle-earth at stake.

The full schedule of programming for the 55th Blossom Music Festival, including pops and classical concerts by The Cleveland Orchestra, will be announced in early 2024.

2024 Tickets and Subscriptions

Lawn Ticket Books are available now for \$180. That is \$20 off the regular book price and more than \$100 off individually priced tickets. This special offer ends December 31, 2023.

Individual tickets for *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* go on sale for Cleveland Orchestra donors and subscribers on **November 9**. General public ticket sales start **November 13**.

For tickets, contact the Severance Music Center Ticket Office by phone at 216-231-1111 or by emailing boxoffice@cleveland.com. Tickets and packages can also be purchased online at clevelandorchestra.com.

Under 18s Free

Under 18s Free helps make attending Blossom Music Festival concerts more affordable for families. With each regular-priced adult ticket purchased, a family can get two free lawn vouchers for children 18 and under.

Under 18s Free is a program of The Cleveland Orchestra's Center for Future Audiences. The Center, created with a lead endowment gift from the Maltz Family Foundation, was established to fund programs to develop new generations of audiences for Cleveland Orchestra concerts in Northeast Ohio.

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The J.M. Smucker Co. has supported The Cleveland Orchestra for decades with annual contributions as well as capital gifts for improvements at Blossom Music Center. The company's ongoing, remarkable support has been recognized through concert sponsorship at Blossom for over a decade and has earned membership in the Orchestra's John L. Severance Society — a group of the Orchestra's most dedicated and generous corporate, foundation, and individual supporters. Additionally, The J.M. Smucker Co. was a co-presenting sponsor of The Cleveland Orchestra's Second Century Celebration, bringing the Orchestra's 100th season to life while animating a bold vision for an extraordinary Second Century.

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We thank members of the **Blossom Committee** and the **Blossom Friends of The Cleveland Orchestra** for their leadership, time, and support of the Blossom Music Festival.

We also recognize the following supporters, who established **Endowed Funds in support of Blossom Music Center and Blossom Festival**, providing vital support every year:

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About Blossom Music Center, Summer Home of The Cleveland Orchestra

Blossom Music Center was created as the summer home of The Cleveland Orchestra and opened in July 1968 with performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony conducted by George Szell. The 200-acre music park features the award-winning and acoustically-acclaimed Blossom Pavilion, designed by renowned Cleveland architect Peter van Dijk and seating more than 5,000 people under cover. The adjoining Blossom Lawn accommodates as many as 15,000 more outside on an expansive natural-bowl amphitheater of grass surrounded by bucolic woods.

In the more than half-century since Blossom's opening, headline makers and yet-to-be-discovered young artists across all genres have created unforgettable musical experiences for more than 21 million visitors. In a typical summer, Blossom serves more than 400,000 visitors, who attend concerts ranging from rock, country, and pop to classical. Live Nation operates Blossom under a long-term contract with The Cleveland Orchestra, dividing each year between the Orchestra's Blossom Music Festival of orchestral performances, and a series of presentations from across many genres.

Located 25 miles south of Cleveland and just north of Akron, Blossom is situated in the rolling hills of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, which preserves 33,000 acres of natural parkland along the Cuyahoga River. Blossom Music Center was named to honor the Dudley S. Blossom family, who have been major supporters of The Cleveland Orchestra throughout its history. Blossom lies within the city limits of Cuyahoga Falls, an Ohio community first settled in the early 1800s, at 1145 West Steels Corners Road in Summit County. For more information visit clevelandorchestra.com/discover/blossom-music-center/.

The Cleveland Orchestra 2024 Blossom Music Festival Movie Listings

Movie Night Live:

***Raiders of the Lost Ark* in Concert**

Saturday, June 29, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 30, at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Sarah Hicks, *conductor*

JOHN WILLIAMS *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (film with live orchestral underscore)

The film that gave the world one of its greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever. Relive the magic on the silver screen with the original great adventure, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, with John Williams's epic score performed live to picture by The Cleveland Orchestra. The year is 1936, and professor of archeology and "obtainer of rare antiquities" Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) is tasked by

US Army Intelligence to recover the legendary Ark of the Covenant before it falls into the hands of the Nazis. Indy's quest takes him to Nepal and Egypt, reuniting him with an old friend (John Rhys-Davis), an old foe (Paul Freeman), and an ex-flame (Karen Allen) who falls somewhere in between. Armed with his hat, whip, and wits, our intrepid hero must face formidable enemies, and impossible odds, to save the day and the world.

Movie Night Live:

Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Friday, August 2, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 3, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 4, at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Ludwig Wicki, *conductor*

The Blossom Festival Chorus

The Cleveland Orchestra Children's Chorus

HOWARD SHORE *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (film with live orchestral underscore, chorus, and soloists)

Return to Middle-earth for the third installment of the trilogy on the big screen with the original score performed live by The Cleveland Orchestra. Director Peter Jackson and composer Howard Shore bring J.R.R. Tolkien's literary imagination to life in this film that won 11 Academy Awards, including Best Score. As Frodo, Sam, and Gollum journey towards Mount Doom, the rest of the Fellowship reunites against Sauron in this battle of good and evil.

Movie Night Live: Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King is presented by NOPEC.

All programs, artists, and prices are subject to change.

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