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NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC SPRING GALA CELEBRATING JOHN WILLIAMS

Orchestra Performs Collection of His Most Memorable Works With Select Scores Accompanied by Film Clips

**Ken-David Masur Conducts in His NY Phil Debut
Williams Himself To Take the Podium
Special Appearance by Steven Spielberg**

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall, April 25, 2023

The New York Philharmonic celebrates the career of **John Williams** in its Spring Gala: Celebrating John Williams, [April 25, 2023](#), at the Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall. Conductor Ken-David Masur, the son of the late NY Phil Music Director Emeritus Kurt Masur, makes his debut with the Orchestra leading a selection of Williams's most memorable compositions. Williams himself conducts a portion of the concert, and special guest Steven Spielberg, the director with whom Williams has collaborated on 29 feature films, introduces some of these selections, some of them performed live as film clips are projected above the stage.

Gala events include a cocktail reception from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the Leon and Norma Hess Grand Promenade; premium seating for the concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m.; and a seated dinner immediately following the performance, attended by the artists, also on the Hess Grand Promenade. Gala dress will be cocktail attire. The Honorary Gala Chair is **Steven Spielberg**. The Gala Co-Chairs are **Kristen and Alexander Klabin, Harold Mitchell AC, James L. and Margo M. Nederlander, and Carol and Chuck Schaefer**.

Biographies

[John Williams](#), [Ken-David Masur](#), [New York Philharmonic](#)

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Availability for the Spring Gala: Celebrating John Williams is limited.

For more information about the entire Gala evening, which includes a cocktail reception, the 7:30 p.m. concert, and a post-concert dinner, please call the Office of Special Events at (646) 661-2471, or email specialevents@nyphil.org.

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Event Listing

SPRING GALA: *CELEBRATING JOHN WILLIAMS*

Wu Tsai Theater, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Ken-David Masur, conductor (New York Philharmonic debut)

John Williams, conductor

Steven Spielberg, special guest

The New York Philharmonic performs a selection of Williams's most memorable compositions, including selections from the scores to *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, and *Jurassic Park*, along with other works.

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