



NSO ORCHESTRA GOES EXTREME FOR A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

*Orchestra & Chorus to perform exciting, well-known film scores,
Friday 30 September in Emirates Palace Auditorium*

Abu Dhabi, UAE. 10 August 2016 – Film music lovers are in for a treat when the [NSO Symphony Orchestra](#) opens its fifth season with an enthralling - A Night at the Movies... Extreme! - on Friday 30 September in the Emirates Palace Auditorium, Abu Dhabi.

Some 10,000 people loved the orchestra's spectacular accompaniment of the recent concert by Andrea Bocelli at the du Arena, with younger audiences enthralled earlier to hear the orchestra, with Elsa and friends, perform live at the screening of Disney's animated film, *Frozen*.

The NSO will thrill audiences yet again on 30 September with an extravaganza of extreme music, including the blockbuster film music of *Star Trek Into Darkness*, and Disney's *Fantasia*, with extracts from Stravinsky's *Firebird*.

The NSO will again perform a world premiere - *A Starlight Horizon* suite from the new sci-fi film *Darkwave: Edge of the Storm*, especially written in concert form for the NSO by the film score's award-winning composer [James Griffiths](#). You can hear an excerpt [here](#).

James said he was honoured to be invited back for the second year running to provide a concert suite, adding: “The response to my concert suite *The Drift*, played by the NSO at last year’s film music concert was incredible.

“It’s now immediately clear what to bring to the wonderful Emirates Palace auditorium from my current film scores. *A Starlight Horizon* comes from the score of the film *Darkwave: Edge of the Storm*, a continuation of *The Drift* and expands the story of The Starlight Universe and the mysteries around the powers of The Crystal, the innocence of a small boy, unaware of his power, and finally, the phoenix rising...”

Younger audiences will love the one-hour, educational and interactive matinee performance on 30 September, when Music Director and Orchestra Conductor Andrew Berryman will take them through the film music, as well as the theme music of the Cartoon Network Original series, including *Gumball*, *Adventure Time*, *The Powerpuff Girls* and the Emirati cartoon character, *Mansour*.

He will explain how the different sections of the 60-piece orchestra- strings, brass, woodwinds and percussion – all play their parts in giving a thrilling performance!

A Night at the Movies... Extreme! is sponsored by [Universal Hospital](#) as Presenting Sponsor, and [Gulf Capital](#) as Platinum Sponsor, in addition to sponsors [Abu Dhabi Classic FM](#) and [Emirates Palace Hotel](#).

Mrs Janet Hassouneh, NSO Founder and Executive Director, said: “The NSO is pleased to open our fifth successful season with some stirring film music scores for both adults and children, making a family outing of going to the orchestra as thrilling and entertaining as a night at the movies.

“Who can resist the crashing sounds and sweeping melodies of film music played by a full symphony orchestra in the acoustically brilliant auditorium of the Emirates Palace? It will be an event not to miss.”

The concert culminates with everyone's favourite choral piece and the European Union's anthem *Ode to Joy* from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, with the 100-voice NSO Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, including guest vocal soloists - Soprano Julia Kermott, Mezzo-soprano Louise Merrifield, Bass-baritone Ode Amaize and Tenor Robert Millner.

The Emirates Palace Hotel will offer a full cinema menu, including hot-dogs and popcorn.

'A Night at the Movies... Extreme!' will be performed at 7.30pm on Friday 30 September 2016 in the Auditorium of the Emirates Palace Hotel.

There will be a matinee at 4.30pm for families and students, which comprises a one-hour educational concert, without an interval.

Tickets are available at: ticketmaster.ae; Timeouttickets.com; Spinneys Khalidiya, www.nsouae.org; and at the concert box office, priced at: Evening: Platinum Dhs325; Gold Dhs225; Silver Dhs150; Balcony Dhs100; Matinee: Platinum Dhs225; Gold Dhs175; Silver Dhs125; Balcony Dhs75.

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About NSO www.nsouae.org

NSO comprises the NSO Symphony Orchestra, the NSO Chamber Orchestra, the NSO Symphonic Pops Orchestra, the NSO Opera & Chorus and the NSO Music Agency.

More than 100 musicians of some 20 nationalities, who live in six of the seven emirates, make up the various formations of NSO and are professional musicians and musical educators who have performed regularly for their own national orchestras.

NSO performs numerous major symphonic and operatic works, as well as a more popular classical and music theatre repertoire. Every concert endeavours to feature musical contributions from the UAE, whether a composer, solo singer or musician, such as a pianist or *Oud* player.

NSO presents concerts throughout the year for the general public and is regularly called upon to perform for private, corporate and government events. NSO also outsources, through its NSO Music Agency, smaller groups such as the NSO Symphonic Brass, the NSO Big Band, the NSO String Quartet, the NSO Jazz Ensemble, the NSO Three Tenors and the NSO Three Sopranos. NSO is the official supplier for Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's 'Arts for Health' programme, providing musicians for inspiring live music performances for patients and their families.

Entrepreneur and former Opera Singer Janet Hassouneh founded NSO in 2011 to meet the region's cultural aspirations. Originally from the USA, where she obtained her master's in musical performance, she has worked in the music business in the UAE for the past 30 years, performing, teaching and organising music theatre and opera concerts featuring international guest artists from New York and London. Numerous performances were staged for charitable causes, under the auspices of the UAE authorities. NSO UAE was formed to reciprocate the government's hospitality.

About Universal Hospital www.universalhospitals.com

Since its inception in 2013, Universal Hospital has established a name for itself as a multi-specialty health care facility where technology and comfort provide a seamless culture of improved care. The tertiary care facility in Abu Dhabi is rapidly paving the way for better service to the ailing with care and compassion. It is equipped with a pharmacy, 24-hour emergency and ambulance services, a fully equipped Laboratory and Radiology Department with a 128 slice CT scan, a 1.5 Tesla MRI, a Dual Plane Cath Lab, a Digital Fluoroscopy, a Digital Mammography with Stereotactic Biopsy, a Dialysis Unit, and advanced delivery suites, among other services.

The hospital information system has been designed keeping in mind the need to evolve and adapt according to the dynamic requirements of a digital health care enterprise. Records are digitalized for faster and smoother benchmarking in different areas. In addition to the sophisticated infrastructure, Universal Hospital has a highly qualified medical and nursing team, committed to quality service and patient safety. Each department boasts physicians who have ample experience in their respective area of expertise. Universal Hospital is set to take the next leap in health care standards and expand its complete care package with a view to reaching out to the ailing across communities. A new tower has been added to the Abu Dhabi facility, and the hospital is also spreading its wings across Dubai (Gulf Medical Center), Sharjah (Lifeline Clinic) and Baniyas (Universal Hospital Clinics LLC). The clinics provide personalized care services by qualified doctors ranging from general practitioners to visiting specialists.

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