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BREVARD MUSIC CENTER PRESENTS STAR WARS: THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK IN CONCERT Hear John Williams's epic Oscar-winning score live as the film soars above on the big screen!

Brevard, North Carolina—"You must feel the Force around you …" On **Saturday, July 27 at 8:30 PM,** the **Brevard Music Center (BMC)** is pleased to present *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back in Concert* at its lakeside, open-air Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium (WPA), located at 349 Andante Lane in Brevard. Lawn seats for *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back in Concert* start at only \$32; students (with a valid ID) and children (17 and under with a paying adult) may sit on the lawn free of charge. For all BMC Summer Festival tickets, visit **brevardmusic.org/tickets** or call the BMC Box Office at **828.862.2105**.

"Get ready to be fully immersed in the enchanting world of this intergalactic epic like never before," said Jason Posnock, President & CEO of Brevard Music Center. "Our Brevard Sinfonia, under the baton of Damon Gupton, will breathe life into John Williams's Oscar-winning score, performed live in perfect sync with the full feature-length film. This is not just an event; it's a one-of-a-kind experience that *Star Wars* fans and families who appreciate the magic of live music and great cinema should not miss!"

Part of the Star Wars Film Concert Series, *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* stars Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Billy Dee Williams, and Anthony Daniels. Co-starring roles include David Prowse (Darth Vader), Kenny Baker (R2-D2), Peter Mayhew (Chewbacca), and Frank Oz (Yoda).

ABOUT JOHN WILLIAMS | COMPOSER

In a career spanning more than six decades, John Williams has become one of America's most accomplished and successful composers for film and the concert stage. He remains one of our nation's most distinguished and contributive musical voices. He has composed the music for more than one hundred films, including all nine *Star Wars* films, the first three *Harry Potter* films, *Schindler's List, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Jaws, Jurassic Park, Saving Private Ryan, Lincoln, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Superman*, and the *Indiana Jones* films.

ABOUT BREVARD MUSIC CENTER | SUMMER INSTITUTE AND FESTIVAL

Founded in 1936, the Brevard Music Center stands as one of this country's premier summer classical music training programs and festivals. This summer, BMC welcomed 1,000 gifted students from 45 countries, the most diverse and largest cohort yet. These students come to the Music Center from across the United States and around the world to study with a distinguished faculty and renowned guest artists. Brevard's hallmark is the powerful sense of community that re-emerges each year as faculty and students present remarkable concerts and events to summer audiences.

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