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The Cleveland Orchestra announces An Evening with Cynthia Erivo, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, and Disney's *The Lion King* for 2025 Blossom Music Festival



(Cynthia Erivo. Photo: Mark Seliger)



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CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Orchestra is thrilled to announce three highlights of its [2025 Blossom Music Festival](#): An Evening with Cynthia Erivo, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, and Disney's *The Lion King*.

The annual festival offers music lovers an exceptional lineup of classical favorites, star-studded collaborations, and family-friendly performances at Blossom Music Center, the Orchestra's scenic summer home in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The full schedule of programming for the 57th Blossom Music Festival, including pops and classical concerts, will be announced in early 2025.

The Cleveland Orchestra performs *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* in Concert on **July 5 and 6**. Audiences will relive the magic of the entire film in high definition on the big screen while hearing John Williams' unforgettable score live.

Cynthia Erivo, a two-time Oscar-nominated and Grammy, Emmy, and Tony Award-winning actress, singer, and producer, takes the stage with The Cleveland Orchestra and conductor Edwin Outwater on **July 27**. Erivo is set to star as Elphaba opposite Ariana Grande's Glinda in the highly anticipated, two-part film adaptation of the hit musical *Wicked*, hitting theaters this month.

The Cleveland Orchestra presents screenings of Walt Disney Animation Studios' feature *The Lion King* with Hans Zimmer's Oscar-winning musical score performed live to the film on **August 29, 30, and 31**. The concerts will be led by conductor Sarah Hicks.

Images are available for [download here](#).

2025 Tickets

Individual tickets for An Evening with Cynthia Erivo, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, and *Disney's The Lion King* go on sale to select Cleveland Orchestra donors and subscribers on **Wednesday, November 20, at 10 a.m.** General public ticket sales start on **Thursday, November 21, at 10 a.m.**

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, 2024.

For tickets, contact the Severance Music Center Ticket Office by phone at 216-231-1111 or by emailing boxoffice@clevelandorchestra.com. Tickets 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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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.

The Cleveland Orchestra's 2025 Blossom Music Festival Movie Presentations and Special Concert

Movie Night Live:

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Saturday, July 5, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

JOHN WILLIAMS *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (film with live orchestra underscore)

Learning on his 11th birthday that he is a wizard destined for greatness, Harry leaves for wizarding school for the first time in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. This concert presents the first movie of the unforgettable series while The Cleveland Orchestra performs John Williams's enchanting score. Join us for an evening of music and magic.

An Evening with Cynthia Erivo

Sunday, July 27, 2025, at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Edwin Outwater, *conductor*

Cynthia Erivo, *vocals*

Oscar-nominated and Grammy, Emmy, and Tony Award-winning actress, singer, and producer Cynthia Erivo joins The Cleveland Orchestra for a program of legendary voices. Erivo performs hits from some of the greatest vocalists of all time, along with her own original songs.

Blossom Summer Soirée: This special fundraising event takes place before the concert. More information about the Blossom Summer Soirée, as well as ticket and table options, [here](#).

Movie Night Live:

Disney's The Lion King Live in Concert

Friday, August 29, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Sarah Hicks, *conductor*

Blossom Festival Chorus

HANS ZIMMER *Disney's The Lion King* (film with live orchestra underscore)

Disney's original 1994 animated film *The Lion King* features unforgettable music by a notable team of Oscar® and GRAMMY® winners, including superstar Elton John, lyricist Tim Rice, and composer Hans Zimmer, plus African vocal and choir arrangements by GRAMMY®-winning South African producer and composer Lebo M (*Rhythm of the Pride Lands*).

Blossom Music Festival Movie Nights are Presented by NOPEC

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