



## Spokane Symphony to Play for Over 5,000 Students for Symphony Days Oct. 26 & 27

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SPOKANE—October 25, 2022...Over 5,000 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from 70 schools in Spokane, Spokane Valley and North Idaho will experience the Spokane Symphony at The Fox Theater for Symphony Days this week.

Students have been learning in the classroom how composers develop themes in their music to represent characters. This technique will be demonstrated with two classical works meant to encourage students' interest in orchestral music as well as multiple familiar film scores.

Highlights from the program include:

Richard Wagner, *Ride of the Valkyries*

Hector Berlioz, *March to the Scaffold*

Monty Norman, *James Bond Theme*

John Williams, *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark*

Alan Silvestri, *Avenger's Theme*

John Williams, *Hedwigs Theme*

Here is what students said about Symphony Day last year:

"Dear all from the Symphony, you guys were amazing. If you heard me saying 'Yea Woo Hoo' and clapping in the yellow coat that was me and it changed me and my taste in music,"  
Ridgeview Elementary School student, 2021

“Thank you for giving me a once in a lifetime gift. It really inspired me to learn about music more. I really liked the design of the fox and I also liked the look and feel of the concert experience. Once again thank you for giving me this gift,” Mikiley, 2021

Wednesday, October 26 at 10am (1,400 students)

Wednesday, October 26 at 11:55am (817 students)

Thursday, October 27 at 10am (1,500 students)

Thursday, October 27 at 11:55am (1,300 students)

Shira Samuels-Shragg will make her debut conducting the Spokane Symphony. Shira graduated in May 2022 with her Masters in Music in orchestral conducting from The Julliard School.

A believer in music’s power to connect and heal, Shira helped design and played piano in the concert “Dialogue in Three Movements: An Artistic Journey of Israel/Palestine in celebration of International Day of Peace,” created by Philadelphia Orchestra cellist Udi Bar David and his [ARTolerance](#) organization among many accomplishments. She comes from Los Angeles.

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