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HEROES: A VIDEO GAME SYMPHONY BREAKS THROUGH THE CONSOLE AND INTO THE CONCERT HALL THIS FALL

ATLANTA – Today, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra announced a new concert program Heroes: A Video Game Symphony will be taking over Atlanta Symphony Hall on Thursday, September 21 and Friday, September 22, 2023. Heroes: A Video Game Symphony features music from fan-favorite video games, accompanied by a choir and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra alongside conductors Kevin Zakresky and Inon Zur. Tickets to this one-of-a-kind orchestral experience go on sale this Friday, July 14 at 12:00PM at ticketmaster.com. Concert presented by Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE.

Heroes: A Video Game Symphony takes you on a hero's journey, as set forth by Joseph Campbell's monomyth; a narrative framework that can be seen in many of the games, films, and books throughout history. Each stage in the monomyth is a chapter in our story, and each game/musical selection was chosen primarily for its suitability for the chapter that it is featured in. In this way, our story is the story of a hero, told through the amazing worlds of other heroes, in an unforgettable experience that's not to be missed.

The program includes music from *The Elder Scrolls*, *God of War*, *Mass Effect*, *Final Fantasy*, *Journey*, *Portal 2*, *Halo*, *Bioshock*, and more! Kevin Zakresky will be the principal conductor for both shows and Inon Zur will make a special appearance as a guest conductor for select pieces. Inon Zur is best known for composing music for video games like *Fallout* and the upcoming *Starfield*.

About Kevin Zakresky

Kevin Zakresky is founder-director of the Sea to Sky Symphony and the conductor of the Pacifica Singers in Vancouver. Kevin is Associate Conductor of Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses, a production that has seen him directing orchestras in Philadelphia, Montreal, Quebec City, Charlottesville, Columbus, Miami and London (with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra in Wembley Arena). Future dates of Zelda include Vancouver, Edmonton and the Calgary Philharmonic.

About Inon Zur

Recognized as one of the most innovative and successful composers in the industry today, Inon Zur's scores have received multiple awards, nominations and generated numerous best-selling soundtracks. Inon is currently scoring *Starfield* – the first new universe in 25 years from Bethesda Game Studios, the award-winning creators of *The Elder Scrolls* and *Fallout* series. Set hundreds of years in our future, *Starfield* is an epic about hope, our shared humanity, and answering our greatest mystery. *Starfield* will be released in 2023.

<u>About Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE</u>
Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE concerts feature world-renowned musicians and entertainers, several of which will be joined on-stage by the GRAMMY® award-winning, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Highlighting genres across the entertainment gamut, guests can enjoy concerts and events ranging from pop, rock, country, R&B, jazz, comedy, podcasts, book tours and everything in between. Symphony Hall continues to present a diverse array of artists throughout the year, bringing unique visual and audial experiences to the Atlanta community through the magic of live performances.

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