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## JOHN CUSACK RETURNS TO SYMPHONY HALL AND SARAH BRIGHTMAN MAKES HER ATLANTA SYMPHONY HALL DEBUT IN 2023

**ATLANTA** – Monday, **John Cusack** announced his return to **Atlanta Symphony Hall** on **Sunday, September 10, 2023** for a screening of ***Grosse Pointe Blank*** and a Q&A to follow. The actor was welcomed to Symphony Hall by a full house for a screening of *High Fidelity* in 2019. Tickets for the film screening and experience go on sale on **Friday, May 12 at 12:00PM** on ticketmaster.com. This show is presented by Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE.

Yesterday, **Sarah Brightman** announced her tour, **A Christmas Symphony**, where she will make a stop at Symphony Hall. The award-winning singer will be accompanied by an orchestra and a choir for a holiday performance on **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**. Tickets for this event go on sale on **Friday, May 12 at 10:00AM** at ticketmaster.com. This show is presented by Outback Presents, Fox Presents, and Delta Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE.

### **John Cusack**

With an impressive body of work spanning the course of three decades, John Cusack has evolved into one of Hollywood's most accomplished and respected actors of his generation, garnering both critical acclaim as well as prestigious accolades for his dramatic and comedic roles.

Cusack first gained the attention of audiences by starring in a number of 1980's film classics such as "The Sure Thing," "Say Anything" and "Sixteen Candles." Following these roles, Cusack successfully shed his teen-heartthrob image by demonstrating his ability to expand his film repertoire by starring in a wide range of dramas, thrillers and comedies including "The Grifters," "Eight Men Out," "Being John Malkovich," "High Fidelity" and "Grosse Pointe Blank."

In 2001, Cusack was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture – Comedy or Musical for his role in the feature version of Nick Hornby's English novel, "High Fidelity," for Touchstone Pictures. In addition to starring in the film, Cusack also co-produced and co-wrote the script with Steve Pink and D.V. DeVincentis. The film also stars Jack Black, Lisa Bonet, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Joan Cusack.

In 1999, Cusack starred in the dark comedy "Being John Malkovich" for USA Films. Cusack's performance earned him an Independent Spirit Award nomination in the category of Best Actor. Some of his other feature film credits include: "The Frozen Ground", "Hot Tub Time Machine", "War Inc.", "Grace Is Gone", "The Ice Harvest", "Runaway Jury", "Identity", "Max", "Cradle Will Rock", "The Thin Red Line", "Con Air", "City Hall", "Bullets Over Broadway", "The Road to Wellville", "True Colors", "Broadcast News", "Serendipity", "Better Off Dead" and "Stand By Me." In April 2012, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce presented Cusack with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, honoring his long, ground-breaking career in film. Cusack resides in Chicago and is represented by APA Agency.

## **Sarah Brightman**

Accompanied by orchestra, choir and special guests, this magical holiday show will feature Sarah performing many of her holiday classics and greatest hits. The tour kicks off on Tuesday, November 21st in Laval, Quebec at Place Bell and concludes in Sugar Land, TX on December 20th. 'A Christmas Symphony' is an unforgettable Christmas spectacle during the most wonderful time of the year.

To add a little 'holiday frosting', join Sarah's VIP "Winter Wonderland" for an incredible Ultimate Experience! With three (3) amazing VIP packages available, there is something for everyone and would make a memorable Mother's Day or Holiday gift for yourself, family, or friends!

Sarah Brightman, the world's best-selling Soprano and UNESCO Artist for Peace Ambassador, has amassed sales of more than 30 million, receiving awards in over 40 countries and garnering over 1 billion streams worldwide. She originated the role of Christine Daaé in the world-renowned *The Phantom of the Opera* on both West End and Broadway stages and has performed at such prestigious events as the Concert for Diana, The Kennedy Center Honors and the Barcelona and Beijing Olympic Games. Sarah's albums Eden, La Luna, Harem, Symphony and Dreamchaser were each chart-topping Billboard hits and were all accompanied by world tours. Her most recent full length studio album HYMN was released in 2018 and debuted at #1 on the Classical and Classical Crossover Billboard charts. The HYMN World Tour began in South America in September 2018 and concluded in her hometown of London, England in November 2019. Brightman has been recognized for her outstanding contribution to music and theatre with a 'STAR' on the world-renowned, majestic Hollywood Walk of Fame, in addition to receiving an Honorary Doctor of Arts (Hon DArt). In October 2022, Sarah entertained her first exclusive 3- night Las Vegas engagement at The Venetian Resort® with "A Starlight Symphony...An Evening with Sarah Brightman" before taking her holiday tour "A Christmas Symphony" internationally to Japan and Southeast Asia in November/December of 2022 for the very first time. Now an annual tradition, Sarah's 2023 "A Christmas Symphony" tour will return to North America for 22 enchanting shows beginning in Laval (Montreal), Quebec on November 21<sup>st</sup>, and concluding on December 20<sup>th</sup> in Sugar Land, TX.

Please visit [www.sarahbrightman.com](http://www.sarahbrightman.com) for more information.

\*While this show does include a symphony orchestra, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will **not** be performing.

## **About Atlanta Symphony Hall LIVE**

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