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ORCHESTRA LUMOS PRESENTS DISNEY'S FANTASIA IN CONCERT LIVE TO FILM CONCERT FEATURES SELECTIONS FROM FANTASIA (1940) AND FANTASIA 2000

Conducted by Michael Stern on February 1, 2026

STAMFORD, CT (August 27, 2025) – <u>Orchestra Lumos</u> presents highlights from two of Disney's most extraordinary and groundbreaking animated features, Fantasia and its sequel Fantasia 2000 in concert live to film. Tickets are available for purchase at <u>Orchestralumos.org/fantasia/</u>

Conducted by Michael Stern, scenes from each of the two iconic films will be projected in high definition on a large screen above the orchestra as they perform classical selections including Beethoven's "The Pastoral Symphony," Debussy's "Clair de Lune," Ponchielli's "Dance of the Hours," Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," Respighi's "Pines of Rome," and Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," and more.

Released to great acclaim in 1940, Walt Disney's Fantasia was his boldest experiment at the time and culminated in the creative visionary's desire to blend animated imagery with classical music. The original film score was conducted by Leopold Stokowski with the Philadelphia Orchestra, recorded in stereophonic sound, which was still an experimental medium at the time. What had begun as a vehicle to develop Mickey Mouse's career with an animation short titled "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" went on to become a genuine cinema classic.

Walt's dream in 1941 was to turn Fantasia into an ongoing event with new segments. This was finally realized in 1999 with Fantasia 2000, a spectacular follow-up spearheaded by Walt's nephew, Roy E. Disney. The music from Fantasia 2000 was conducted by James Levine and performed by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Disney's Fantasia in Concert Live to Film is presented by Orchestra Lumos, conducted by Michael Stern and will be performed at The Palace Theatre on February 1, 2026 at 3:00pm. For tickets and further information visit <u>Orchestralumos.org/fantasia/</u>.

About Disney Concerts:

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About Orchestra Lumos

Formerly known as Stamford Symphony, Orchestra Lumos is the preeminent orchestra serving all of Fairfield County CT. We are expanding in multiple dimensions, bringing more of the music you love throughout Fairfield County. Our mission is to present exceptional musical experiences, from awe-inspiring concerts with world-renowned soloists to family-friendly programs that captivate all ages. We're also expanding our reach with intimate performances in smaller spaces, hands-on education programs, and community presentations across the county. While our home base is The Palace Theatre in Stamford, you can also experience our music in venues from Rye NY to Bridgeport CT, including local libraries, schools, museums, breweries, places of worship, and community centers. For more information, please visit: www.orchestralumos.org.

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