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RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

VENUE: The Civic

DATES: Saturday 18 March, 2017

COMPOSER: John Williams

CONDUCTOR: Marc Taddei

ORCHESTRA: Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra

Auckland Arts Festival is giving everyone and anyone the opportunity to get access to and revel in the majesty of the orchestra by throwing together a fantastic filmic feast in March 2017.

Raiders of the Lost Ark – Film with Live Orchestra is a chance to relive the magic of the silver screen with the original Indiana Jones adventure. But, there's a twist. In this one-night-only Auckland Arts Festival exclusive, the 1981 film will be accompanied live by the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, playing John Williams' epic score.

The year is 1936 and professor of archeology and "obtainer of rare antiquities" Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) is tasked by U.S. Army Intelligence to recover the legendary Ark of the Covenant before it falls into the hands of the Nazis.

Jones' quest takes him to Nepal and Egypt, reuniting him with an old friend (John Rhys-Davies), an old foe (Paul Freeman) and an ex-flame (Karen Allen), who falls somewhere in-between. Armed with his hat, whip and cunning wit, the intrepid hero must face formidable enemies – and impossible odds – to save the day and the world.

This is the ultimate adventure movie to which everyone knows the famous tune. However, not everyone has heard the legendary soundtrack played live by some of the country's finest musicians. In March 2017, they can.

The most iconic piece of music, generally played during scenes where Indiana Jones is escaping from something, received a resounding cheer from the crowd... While Williams composes his scores in service of the film, these beautiful and powerful pieces of music stand alone as music... More than simply a film, Raiders of the Lost Ark... is an experience – one that stays with you long after the music stops. – theaureview.com

Letting the score belt out and fill the entire hall with the unique sense of adventure and wonder that only he can, we were all of us sent back to our comparatively unadventurous lives humming those immortal notes. – cultbox.co.uk



PERFORMANCE DETAILS

TICKETS	Premium \$75 A Res \$65 A Res Conc \$59 B Res \$49 B Res Conc \$45 C Res \$39 D Res \$35
WHEN	Sat 18 Mar 7.00pm
WHERE	The Civic, cnr Wellesley and Queen Sts
BOOKINGS	Ticketmaster.co.nz 09 951 2501
DURATION	2 hours no interval
IMPORTANT INFO	PG recommended. Contains violence. ©1981 LucasFilm Ltd. All Rights Reserved.
MORE INFO	www.aaf.co.nz
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ABOUT THE AAF	<p>Taking place annually in March, the Auckland Arts Festival is a globally recognised event that celebrates people and culture, and showcases the unrivalled location, cultural diversity and vibrant energy of New Zealand's largest city.</p> <p>Over 1.6 million people have attended the Festivals to date.</p> <p>Auckland Arts Festival is governed by the Auckland Festival Trust. Trustees are John Judge (Chair), Rick Carlyon, Evan Davies, Sarah Judkins, Tarun Kanji, Margaret Kāwharu MNZM, Jim Moser, Ben Taufua and Fred Ward.</p> <p>The Trust receives core funding from Auckland Council through the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act, and Creative New Zealand through the Toi Tōtara Haemata programme.</p> <p>Significant support for AAF 2017 is received from Foundation North, Pub Charity, NZ Community Trust and The Lion Foundation.</p>
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