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Home Alone in Concert

Sunday, November 30, 2025 Waco Hall, 2:00 p.m.

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HOME ALONE

MACAULAY CULKIN

JOE PESCI

DANIEL STERN

JOHN HEARD

and CATHERINE O'HARA

Music by JOHN WILLÍAMS

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Tonight's program is a presentation of the complete film *Home Alone* with a live performance of the film's entire score, including music played by the orchestra during the end credits. Out of respect for the musicians and your fellow audience members, please remain seated until the conclusion of the credits.

Film screening of *Home Alone* courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox.

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Tonight's Performance

A true holiday favorite, this beloved comedy classic features renowned composer John Williams' charming and delightful score performed live to picture by the Waco Symphony Orchestra. Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old boy who's accidentally left behind when his family leaves for Christmas vacation, and who must defend his home against two bungling thieves. Hilarious and heart-warming, Home Alone is holiday fun for the entire family!





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Music Composed by John Williams

Music Preparation: Jo Ann Kane Music Service

Film Preparation for Concert Performance: Ramiro Belgardt

Technical Consultant: Laura Gibson

Sound Remixing for Concert Performance: Chace Audio by Deluxe The score for *Home Alone* has been adapted for live concert performance.

With special thanks to: Twentieth Century Fox, Chris Columbus, David Newman, John Kulback, Julian Levin, Mark Graham and the musicians and staff of the Waco Symphony Orchestra.

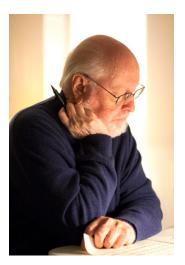
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Composer

John Williams

In a career spanning more than six decades, John Williams has become one of America's most accomplished and successful composers for film and the concert stage. He remains one of our nation's most distinguished and contributive musical voices. He has composed the music for more than one hundred films, including all nine Star Wars films, the first three Harry Potter films, Schindler's List, E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Jaws, Jurassic Park, Saving Private Ryan, Lincoln, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, Superman and the Indiana Jones films. He served as music director of the Boston Pops Orchestra for fourteen seasons and remains their Laureate Conductor. He has composed numerous



works for the concert stage including two symphonies and more than a dozen concertos commissioned by some of America's most prominent orchestras. He has received five Academy Awards and fifty-four Oscar nominations, seven British Academy Awards, twenty-five Grammys, four Golden Globes, and five Emmys. His other honors include the Kennedy Center Honors, the National Medal of Arts, an honorary KBE from Queen Elizabeth II, the Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute, Spain's Princess of Asturias Award for the Arts, and the Gold Medal from the UK's prestigious Royal Philharmonic Society.

A Note from the Composer

Ever since *Home Alone* appeared, it has held a unique place in the affections of a very broad public. Director Chris Columbus brought a uniquely fresh and innocent approach to this delightful story, and the film has deservedly become a perennial at Holiday time.

I took great pleasure in composing the score for the film, and I am especially delighted that the magnificent Waco Symphony Orchestra has agreed to perform the music in a live presentation of the movie.

I know I speak for everyone connected with the making of the film in saying that we are greatly honored by this event... and I hope that tonight's audience will experience the renewal of joy that the film brings with it, each and every year.

Music Director & Conductor

Lawrence Loh

WSO Music Director/Conductor

Described as bringing an "artisan storyteller's sensitivity... shaping passages with clarity and power via beautifully sculpted dynamics... revealing orchestral character not seen or heard before" (Arts Knoxville), Lawrence Loh enjoys a dynamic career as a conductor of orchestras worldwide.

After an extensive two-year search, Loh was named Music Director of the Waco Symphony Orchestra beginning in the spring of 2024. He was named Conductor Laureate of the Syracuse Orchestra after serving as Music Director from 2015-2025. "The connection between the organization and its audience is one of the qualities that's come to define Syracuse's symphony



as it wraps up its 10th season, a milestone that might have seemed impossible at the beginning." The Syracuse Orchestra and Lawrence Loh show that it is possible to create a "new, more sustainable artistic institution from the ground up." (Syracuse.com)

Appointed Assistant Conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony in 2005, Loh quickly rose to Associate and Resident Conductor, becoming a favorite among Pittsburgh audiences. He has also served as Music Director of the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Syracuse Opera, and Associate Conductor of the Dallas and Colorado Symphony Orchestras.

Loh's recent guest engagements include the San Francisco Symphony, Dallas Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, Atlanta Symphony, National Symphony, Detroit Symphony, San Diego Symphony, Utah Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic, Indianapolis Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic, and Buffalo Philharmonic. He has also appeared at festivals including Grant Park, Tanglewood, Chautauqua, Sun Valley, Bravo! Vail, and the Boston University Tanglewood Institute.

A self-described "Star Wars geek" and film music enthusiast, Loh has led numerous sold-out John Williams and film music tribute concerts. "It is his enthusiasm for Williams' music and the films for which it was written that is Loh's great strength," (Pittsburgh Tribune) captivating audiences as both host and conductor. He has assisted John Williams on multiple occasions and is one of the most sought-after conductors for Films in Concert.

Loh earned an Artist Diploma in Orchestral Conducting from Yale, a Master's in Choral Conducting from Indiana University, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rochester. Loh was born in Southern California to Korean parents and raised in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He and his wife Jennifer have two children, Charlie and Hilary. Follow him on Instagram @conductorlarryloh, Facebook @lawrencelohconductor, or visit www.lawrenceloh.com.

Waco Symphony Orchestra

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Nathan Ingrim

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Ann Shoemaker, Principal Riley Litts

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Joseph Gastler

Zach Monroe, Principal David and Judy Guyer Chair** Kim Hagelstein Brian Brown lanet Nve Javier Hernandez

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