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20 YEARS OF MUSIC



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20 Years of World of Warcraft® : Epic Music Concerts

The Swiss production team **Helvepic** is excited to announce its Epic Music concert series in co-production with **Tale of Fantasy**, the Swiss Epic Music group known for their successful Epic Music concerts *ODYSSEY* in October 2022, entertaining 2200 spectators at the Auditorium Stravinski in Montreux, Switzerland.

"World of Warcraft®. 20 Years of Music", scheduled for next Fall in celebration of the game franchise's 20th anniversary, will be presenting a series of concerts that chronicles the history of *World of Warcraft* through its iconic and epic in-game soundtracks.

Gathering 70 musicians and 120 singers on stage, **3 concerts** will be held at the **Théâtre de Beaulieu in Lausanne, Switzerland, on September 27th and 28th, 2024.**

A once-in-a-lifetime event, celebrating 20 years of the franchise

World of Warcraft is a game franchise immensely rich in lore and world-building, inspiring over the years a large community of fans, from composers and cosplayers to game developers and concept artists all over the world.

With a popular, beloved franchise in their hands, Helvepic has partnered with the video game giant **Blizzard Entertainment®** for an exceptional collaboration. Helmed by a local, dynamic team, **this purely Swiss production** brings together internationally-renowned Swiss artists and talents from a wide variety of fields and backgrounds to achieve this dream.

The concert program will include both well-known tracks from *World of Warcraft* and never-before-heard arrangements created especially for the occasion. The audience will be immersed in this unique experience, enhanced by the live music and the dazzling light show.



The 21st Century Orchestra, directed by Ludwig Wicki, performing film music at the KKL in Lucerne.
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The artists behind the concerts... and their audience

To celebrate this special anniversary, three choirs from the French-speaking part of Switzerland and Lausanne join forces, with **Tale of Fantasy** inviting the gospel choir **Madrijazz** and the classical choir **Ardito** to join in on this epic musical journey. What's more, the choirs will be accompanied by the internationally acclaimed film music orchestra **21st Century Orchestra** from Lucerne, which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary!

One of Epic Music's great strengths is its ability to bring people together across musical and professional boundaries, bridging the divide between generations. Like Tale of Fantasy's *ODYSSEY*, an eclectic audience is expected. Whether people come from the world of video games, orchestral and choral music, pop culture or large concert halls, audiences don't need to have played the game to experience this once in a lifetime adventure!

Conductor: Ludwig Wicki

Composers: Neal Acree, David Arkenstone, Clint Bajakian, Russell Brower, Adam Burgess, Tracy Bush, Pedro Macedo Camacho, Sam Cardon, Derek Duke, Craig Stuart Garfinkle, Edo Guidotti, Jason Hayes, Leo Kaliski, Grant Kirkhope, Jake Lefkowitz, Peter McConnell, Eimear Noone, Jeremy Soule, Glenn Stafford and Matt Uelmen.

Artistic director: Alexandre Pican

Distribution and practical information

World of Warcraft®: 20 Years of Music

European premiere, in partnership with Blizzard Entertainment

Théâtre de Beaulieu, Lausanne

3 concerts on September 27 & 28, 2024

Friday 27th: 7:30pm - 10:30pm

Saturday 28th: 1:30 - 4:30 pm | 7:30 - 10:30 pm

Potential audience: 4800 spectators

Artists on show: 190 performers

Target audience: 16-65 year olds, families, pop-culture fans, video games and live concerts, artists, Swiss and international.

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