



## JOSÉ ITURBI FOUNDATION TO SPONSOR 'JOHN WILLIAMS: MAESTRO OF THE MOVIES' WITH GUEST NARRATOR JULIE ANDREWS AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL

Friday & Saturday, August 30-31, 2013

**José Iturbi Foundation Mission Statement:**

"I feel that classical music should be a more recognizable part of everyone's entertainment. It has been my hope that through live concerts, motion pictures, recordings, international competitions, and interesting public forums, a larger group of people will learn to love classical music and attend live concert performances."

- José Iturbi, Beverly Hills, California, 1950

**HOLLYWOOD, DATE** – The José Iturbi Foundation (JIF) is thrilled to support the Los Angeles Philharmonic as the proud sponsor for the *John Williams: Maestro of the Movies* Concert at the Hollywood Bowl on Friday & Saturday, August 30 -31, 2013. The incomparable film composer returns to conduct many of his most popular hits, including *Harry Potter*™, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *Star Wars*. This year, he is also joined by Julie Andrews for a tribute to her late husband, director Blake Edwards, and to composer Henry Mancini, who together created such classics as *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *The Pink Panther*, *Peter Gunn* and *Victor/Victoria*.

The Hollywood Bowl and the José Iturbi Foundation have a significant relationship as legendary concert artist musician José Iturbi was made his first appearance as a premiere performer at the Hollywood Bowl more than 50 years ago, which brings bringing a historical Hollywood perspective to the evening. The JIF sponsorship honors Iturbi's career and celebrates his contributions to classical music as a renowned world famous concert pianist, and conductor who enjoyed popularizing classical music in all popular public forums including film. and actor who Iturbi has the distinction of being the received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Iturbi was the first musician to sell 1,000,000 copies of a record, that being (Frédéric Chopin's *Military Polonaise* (1950), and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to commemorate this milestone.

"The José Iturbi Foundation is dedicated to 'popularizing classical music, one note at a time!' " said Donelle Dadigan, President and Co-Founder of JIF. "We are thrilled to re-create this long-term relationship with the Hollywood Bowl and the LA Philharmonic as Iturbi enjoyed performing for more than four decades had performed numerous times to sold-out audiences at the Bowl as a Bowl headliner." Iturbi's career spans more than half a century and reflects the glamour years of the 1930's and 40's 1940's and was considered classical music's "rock star" of his generation. In addition to Iturbi performing in concerts to sold out audiences worldwide, he also appeared in films as 'himself' in hopes of popularizing to help classical music become more enjoyable and accessible to the public and its younger generations. One of Iturbi's most popular films is the MGM classic, *Anchors Aweigh* (1945), starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly.

JIF will also present a special historic photo presentation on the Hollywood Bowl's large screens, prior to the concert, spanning Iturbi's life, talents and his past Hollywood Bowl performances with Hollywood's music celebrities including Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Jimmy Durante, Gene Kelly, Kathryn Grayson, and more. For more information: [JoseIturbiFoundation.org](http://JoseIturbiFoundation.org).

In addition to supporting classical music performances **featuring world-class concert artists**, the José Iturbi Foundation “showcases the world's greatest classical music talent of tomorrow,” said Dadigan **(where is the corresponding quote?)**. The JIF has sponsored competitions held at UCLA's Schoenberg Hall, awarding more than \$250,000 at each competition. “Our \$50,000 first prize is the largest cash prize awarded at any classical music competition in the world,” she adds.

**WHEN/WHO:**

Friday, August 30 & Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 7:30pm  
LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC  
JOHN WILLIAMS, conductor  
JULIE ANDREWS, special guest narrator

**WHERE:**

HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
2301 N Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90068

**HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:**

Subscriptions and single tickets for the Hollywood Bowl 2012 summer season are available now at [HollywoodBowl.com](http://HollywoodBowl.com) or via credit card phone order at 323.850.2000. For more information, please call 323.850.2000.

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**ABOUT THE JOSÉ ITURBI FOUNDATION** The José Iturbi Foundation showcases the world's greatest classical music talent of tomorrow in conjunction with Iturbi Hollywood Concerts featuring compelling and dynamic performances in an intimate setting reflecting Hollywood's Glamour years (1930s & 1940s). Each year of the competition, the José Iturbi Foundation awards more than \$250,000.00 and is the largest cash prize classical music competition in the world! Additionally, the JIF as part of its mission sponsors concerts featuring the world's greatest and most recognizable classical musicians in an effort to inspire appreciation of classical music and live concert performances for future generations.

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**ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION** The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, under the vibrant leadership of Music Director Gustavo Dudamel, presents an inspiring array of music from all genres – orchestral, chamber and Baroque music, organ and celebrity recitals, new music, jazz, world music and pop – at two of L.A.'s iconic venues, Walt Disney Concert Hall ([LAphil.com](http://LAphil.com)) and the Hollywood Bowl ([HollywoodBowl.com](http://HollywoodBowl.com)). The LA Phil's season at Walt Disney Concert Hall extends from October through May, and throughout the summer at the Hollywood Bowl. With the preeminent Los Angeles Philharmonic at the foundation of its offerings, the LA Phil aims to enrich and transform lives through music, with a robust mix of artistic, education and community programs.

**ABOUT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL** One of the largest natural amphitheaters in the world, with a seating capacity of nearly 18,000, the **HOLLYWOOD BOWL** has been the summer home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic since its official opening in 1922, and is home to the best and brightest in all genres of music. It remains one of the best deals in Los Angeles; to this day, \$1 buys a seat at the top of the Bowl for many of the Los Angeles Philharmonic's concerts. The venue offers something for everyone, from its sizzling summer evening concerts to the daytime summer arts festival for children, “SummerSounds: Music for Kids at the Hollywood Bowl,” now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> season. In February 2012, the Hollywood Bowl was named Best Major Outdoor Concert Venue for the eighth year in a row at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pollstar Concert Industry Awards. The Hollywood Bowl has become synonymous with summer in Southern California.  
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