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## **Charlotte Symphony Presents Orchestra Premiere of Eric Whitacre's *Deep Field* Film**

**October 31, 2018 | Charlotte, NC**—The Charlotte Symphony will be the first orchestra to perform Grammy Award-winning composer and conductor Eric Whitacre's symphonic work, *Deep Field*, live with its new accompanying film, [\*Deep Field: The Impossible Magnitude of our Universe\*](#).

*Deep Field* was inspired by the world's most famous space observatory, the Hubble Space Telescope, and its greatest discovery, the iconic Deep Field image.

The new film illuminates the score by combining Hubble's stunning imagery, including never-before-seen galaxy fly-bys, with bespoke animations to create an immersive, unforgettable journey from planet Earth to the furthest edges of our universe.

Music Director Christopher Warren-Green will lead the Charlotte Symphony and Chorus in the performance during a three-performance weekend featuring Holst's *The Planets*, November 30 through December 2 at Belk Theater at Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in uptown Charlotte.

"I'm beyond thrilled to debut this magnificent new film with orchestra for the first time," says Maestro Warren-Green. "These images truly enhance the music he wrote; it will be a spectacular visual and aural experience."

Audience members will also be able to download the Deep Field app for mobile devices to participate in the music-making experience. At a specified point in the performance, Maestro Warren-Green will cue the audience to play the app, which contributes electronic sounds written by Whitacre to accompany his *Deep Field* work.

"I'm truly thrilled that the Charlotte Symphony, Charlotte Symphony Chorus, and Maestro Christopher Warren-Green will premiere *Deep Field* with our brand-new film," says Whitacre.

The *Deep Field* score and film paint the incredible story of the Hubble Deep Field. Turning its gaze to a tiny and seemingly dark area of space (around one 24-millionth of the sky) for an 11-day long period, the Hubble Space Telescope revealed over 3,000 galaxies that had never previously been seen, each one composed of hundreds of billions of stars.

The film is a first-of-its-kind collaboration between Whitacre, producers Music Productions, scientists and visualizers from the Space Telescope Science Institute and multi award-winning artists 59 Productions. With accessibility as a key goal, *Deep Field: The Impossible Magnitude of our Universe* will be released globally on [YouTube](#) at 7 a.m. ET on Friday, November 16, 2018.

Charlotte, NC, performances live with orchestra are Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 2 at 3 p.m. at Belk Theater. Tickets start at \$19.

For tickets and more information, visit [charlottesymphony.org](http://charlottesymphony.org).

### **About the Charlotte Symphony**

Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony is a longstanding nonprofit organization committed to connecting and strengthening the community through exceptional musical experiences. Led by internationally renowned Music Director Christopher Warren-Green, the Symphony upholds the highest artistic integrity and takes bold steps to engage the community through music. We employ professional full-time orchestra musicians, support two youth orchestras, and offer significant educational programming aimed at improving underserved sections of our community. The Charlotte Symphony is integral to the Charlotte area, serving its community through music that connects and inspires. [charlottesymphony.org](http://charlottesymphony.org)

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