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**LAST CHANCE TO GRAB EARLY BIRD TICKETS
FOR SUMMER CONCERTS IN GUILDHALL SQUARE!**

Early Bird tickets for the hugely popular Summer Concerts in Guildhall Square, featuring the magnificent Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, are on sale until 31st May, after which time the price will rise!

Following last year's successful inaugural events attended by over 2,500 people, this year's concerts, which feature as part of a special Centenary Concert Series in celebration of Portsmouth's 100 years of city status, promise to be an unmissable highlight of the summer!

On Friday 17th July, two giants of film music will come head-to-head in **The Best of Williams & Zimmer**, a symphonic spectacular concert of award-winning soundtracks from some of the most iconic films of all time! John Williams' music from Star Wars, Jurassic Park, ET, Schindler's List, Harry Potter and more will be pitched against Hans Zimmer's tracks from Gladiator, The Da Vinci Code, Interstellar, Last Samurai and Batman Begins to name just a few.

Then on Saturday 18th July, the party returns with a **Smash Hits – The 80s** celebration of the era of new romantics, big hair and even bigger shoulder pads! Featuring the biggest

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tracks of the decade by Madonna, Toto, Ultravox, Elton John, Bonnie Tyler, Michael Jackson, David Bowie, A-Ha, George Michael and many more performed by the full orchestra, it is time to dig out the neon and get ready to hit the dance floor!

Pack a picnic, bring a chair and enjoy a night under the stars at the Summer Concerts presented by The Guildhall Trust (the charity which runs Portsmouth Guildhall) in partnership with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and supported by Portsmouth City Council.

Andy Grays, CEO of The Guildhall Trust said, *"We can't wait for the Summer Concerts to return in July! There was such great feedback last year and it was fantastic to see Guildhall Square come to life, bringing people together to have a good time! The acoustics of Guildhall Square are actually incredible, providing the perfect amphitheatre for a night of epic film music and an 80s party!"*

Early Bird Tickets for just £23 for each concert are on sale now:
www.portsmouthguildhall.org.uk

Prices will rise from 1st June, so bag a bargain while you can.

And with Father's Day just around the corner, Summer Concert tickets would make the ideal gift for all music, film and 80s lovers!

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