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PLANET EARTH II LIVE IN CONCERT

Stunning footage from the EMMY® and BAFTA award-winning PLANET EARTH II forms the backdrop to a mesmerising symphony orchestra live performance of the remarkable score by the Academy Award® Winner Hans Zimmer, Jacob Shea and Jasha Klebe for Bleeding Fingers Music



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Tickets are now on sale for the New Zealand premiere of *Planet Earth II Live in Concert* to be held at the ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre on Wednesday 22 May 2019. A stunning presentation of breathtaking footage from the award-winning BBC series *Planet Earth II*, will be projected onto the big screen at the ASB Theatre accompanied by the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra's live performance of the series' Academy Award® winning score by Hans Zimmer, and his composers Jacob Shea and Jasha Klebe.

Planet Earth II Live in Concert is produced by BBC Studios and presented in partnership with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and Auckland Live and will bring us closer to our planet's spellbinding animals, landscapes and wildlife dramas than ever before.

Produced by BBC Studios' acclaimed Natural History Unit, the television series *Planet Earth II* was filmed over three years using state-of-the-art advanced technology, and in the process elevated natural history to a whole new level. Now, *Planet Earth II Live in Concert* will transport audiences to the spectacular landscapes and habitats of some of Earth's most remarkable wildlife, where they can race alongside wild lions in the remote

sandy deserts of Namibia, face stormy Antarctic seas with a family of penguins, and relive the raw drama as a baby iguana tries to escape the clutches of deadly racer snakes.

Alongside all the action of this stunning footage, the 70-strong Auckland Philharmonia, conducted by David Kay, will transport audiences with a full symphonic treatment of the series' beautiful award-winning score.

Chantal Bindley, Head of Live Entertainment, BBC Studios, Australia & New Zealand says, "We're thrilled to be offering New Zealand audiences the opportunity to see *Planet Earth II Live in Concert*. The awe-inspiring footage provides a compelling insight into our natural world, and with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra performing the incredible score by Hans, Jacob and Jasha, audiences will experience a unique and very special event. Kiwis are in for an amazing treat."

Composer Hans Zimmer, renowned for his movie scores including *Gladiator*, *Interstellar* and *The Dark Knight*, says the landmark BBC Earth series stands out amongst his work. "***Planet Earth II*** is one of the most amazing things I've ever been involved in: some of the greatest action scenes ever put on film, some of the most emotional, epic, fragile scenes I've ever witnessed. Filmmaking at its absolute peak."

Tickets for *Planet Earth II Live in Concert* are available from Auckland Live aucklandlive.co.nz. Purchase four tickets or more to become an APO subscriber and save at least 10% on public ticket prices, and pay no booking fees at apo.co.nz.

Planet Earth II Live in Concert

7.30pm, Wednesday 22 May 2019

ASB Theatre, Aotea Centre

Presented by BBC Studios, Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and Auckland Live

Planet Earth II is a BBC Studios Natural History Unit production co-produced with BBC America, ZDF, Tencent and France Télévisions

Conductor David Kay

Tickets and more information: www.aucklandlive.co.nz

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