

Simon Balle Music

? PRESS START - A SYMPHONIC GAMING ODYSSEY ?

**Featuring the Simon Balle Concert Band, Junior Wind Band,
Saxidentals and the Brass Ensemble**

Welcome to tonight's concert!

Tonight we celebrate our Wind, Brass and Percussion musicians in a feast of Gaming Music.

It is a chance for you to once again be inspired by our incredible ensembles, as our youngest look up to our most advanced musicians (and see what they can achieve in the future!) and we all work together to showcase performances curated as part of this incredible theme.

Enjoy!

Mark Taylor, Director of Music.

Massed Saxophones!

Big Blue was originally from the 1990's video game F-Zero by Nintendo. The first game was released for the Super Famicom in Japan in 1990 its success prompted Nintendo to create sequels on subsequent consoles. F-Zero is a futuristic racing game in which players compete in a high-speed racing tournament. The series has become known for its difficult gameplay, original music, as well as the game pushing technological limits to be one of the fastest racing games.

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Battlefield 1942 was released in 2002 and is part of the Battlefield series. Battlefield is a first-person shooter video game that started out on Microsoft Windows and OS X.

Released in 2002 **Kingdom Hearts** is an action role-playing video game developed by Square for PlayStation 2. The Kingdom Hearts series is a collaboration between Square and The Walt Disney Company. The game combines characters and settings from Disney animated features with those from Square's Final Fantasy series.

World of Warcraft is a massively multiplayer online role-playing game that was released in 2004 by Blizzard Entertainment. Set in the Warcraft fantasy universe the game allows players to create a character avatar and explore an open game world in the third- or first-persons view, exploring the landscape, fighting various monsters, completing quests and interaction with non-player characters or other players.

Civilization is a series of turn based strategy video games first released in 1991 that was developed by Sid Meier. There are seven main games in the series and a number of expansion packs and spinoff games, as well as board games all inspired by the video game. **Sogno di Volare**, composed by Christopher Tin is the official musical theme of Civilization VI.

Cuphead was created by the brothers Chad and Jared Moldenhausner in 2017. They took inspiration from the rubber hose animation style from the golden age of American animation. Developed and published by Studio MDHR the game follows its titular cup-head character and his brother mug-man as they make a deal with the devil to pay casino losses by repossessing the souls of runaway debtors.

Brass Ensemble

Nate's Theme is the iconic main musical theme from the Uncharted trilogy composed by Greg Edmonson. Uncharted, created by Amy Henning, is an action-adventure video game series and media franchise published by Sony Interactive Entertainment and developed by Naughty Dog. The uncharted Franchise follows a group of treasure hunters who travel across the world to uncover various historical mysteries.

L.A. Noire is a 2011 action-adventure game developed by Team Bondi and published by Rockstar Games. Set in 1947 Los Angeles, the game follows the rise of detective Cole Phelps among the ranks of the LA Police Department as he solves a range of cases across various bureaus. The game is played from a third-person perspective.

Goldeneye 007 is a 1997 first-person shooter game developed by Rare and published by Nintendo for the Nintendo 64. It is based on the 1995 James Bond film GoldenEye, with the player controlling the secret agent James Bond to prevent a criminal syndicate from using a satellite weapon.

Junior Wind Band

Pokémon is a Japanese series of creature collector role playing video games developed by Game Freak, published by Nintendo and The Pokémon Company under the Pokémon franchise. It was created by Satoshi Tajiri with assistance from Ken Sugimori. The **Pokémon Theme** was written by John Siegler and John Loeffler. It is the original theme song of the first season of the English adaptation of the Pokémon anime and has since become synonymous with the Pokémon franchise.

Batman: Arkham City is a 2011 action-adventure game written by Veteran Batman writer Paul Dini with Paul Crocker and Sefton Hill. It was developed by Rocksteady Studios and published by Warner Bros Interactive Entertainment. Based on the DC Comics superhero Batman, it is the sequel to the 2009 video game Batman: Arkham Asylum and the second instalment in the Batman: Arkham series.

Advent Rising is an action-adventure third person shooter video game developed by GlyphX Games and published by Majesco Entertainment. The game was released in 2005 for Xbox and Microsoft Windows. The story was created by The Mustard Brothers and features a script written by science fiction writers Orson Scott Card and Cameron Dayton. The Bounty Hunter Theme was composed by Tommy Tallarico and Michael Richard Plowman to accompany the game.

StarCraft II: Legacy of the Void is a standalone expansion pack to the Military science fiction real time strategy game StarCraft II: Wings of Liberty, and the third and final part of StarCraft II trilogy developed by Blizzard Entertainment. The game was released in 2015

Minecraft is a sandbox game developed and published by the Swedish company Mojang Studios. It was formally released in 2001 for personal computers. the game has since been ported to numerous platforms, including mobile devices and various video game consoles. Steve's Lava Chicken is from the Minecraft Movie (2025) and was performed by Jack Black.

Interval - 20 minutes

Saxidentals

Donkey Kong is a video game series and media franchise created by the Japanese game designer Shigeru Miyamoto for Nintendo. It follows the adventures of Donkey Kong, a large powerful gorilla, and other members of the Kong family of Apes. The Main Donkey Kong game is a platform games in which players must reach the end of a level to move on.

Five Nights at Freddy's is a video games series and media franchise created by Scott Cawthon that includes video games, novels, graphic novels and films. The game was released in 2014. The story arcs typically follow a night guard or other character trying to survive from midnight to 6 am for five levels, called "nights", while fending off attacks from homicidal animatronic characters.

Launched in 1992 Mario Kart is a series of kart racing games-based on the Mario franchise developed and published by Nintendo. Players compete in go-kart races while using various power-up items. It features characters from the Mario series racing along tracks based on Mario universe-location. **Coconut Mall** is the second track of the Flower Cup in Mario Kart Wii. The track takes place at the titular mall that features many shops, escalators, and palm trees.

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Starfield is a 2023 action role-playing game developed by Bethesda Game Studios and published by Bethesda Softworks. In the game, the player character joins a group of space explores who must venture 50 lightyears around the solar system to acquire mysterious artifacts. Into the Starfield is the main theme song from Starfield composed Inon Zur.

Composed by Benjamin Taylor **Player One Press Start** combines lots of the old retro tunes from yesteryear. Including snippets from Mario Bros, Zelda, Tetris, Dr. Mario, Contra and Donkey Kong this composition is performed alongside a backing track containing many of the 8-bit sounds of the time.

Arranged by Paul Murtha, **Epic Gaming Theme** combines several themes from the gaming world and that of Japanese Anime. Including themes from Assassin's Creed, Civilization IV, Full Metal Alchemist, Dragonborn and Naruto.

Tetris is a puzzle video game created by Alexey Pajitnov, a soviet software engineer in the mid 1980's. In Tetris, falling pieces consisting of four connected blocks, known as tetrominoes, must be sorted into a pile. Once a horizontal line of the playfield is filled with blocks, the line disappears, granting points and preventing the pile from reaching the top. The gameplay has been used in approximately 220 versions across at least 70 platforms.

Often cited as one of the greatest and most influential video games of all times, **Super Mario Bros.** was developed and published by Nintendo in 1985. Directed and produced by Shigeru Miyamoto, it is the successor to the 1983 arcade game Mario Bros. and the first game in the Super Mario series. In this platform game players control Mario or his brother Luigi in the multiplayer mode to traverse the Mushroom Kingdom to rescue Princess Toadstool from King Koopa (later named Bowser). They transverse side scrolling stages whole avoiding hazards such as enemies and pits and collecting power-up such as Super Mushroom, Fire Flower and Starman.