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**Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Family Fun Series discovers
The Magic of Movie Music**

Elgin, IL - The Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Family Fun Series concludes its inaugural season with *Mickey, Yoda, Robin Hood: The Magic of Movie Music*, April 17th at the Hemmens Cultural Center in downtown Elgin. For many children, the sounds of the orchestra are first heard through the music of the movies. The tales of exciting adventures and faraway places are underscored with music that creates thrilling suspense and sparks the imagination. This afternoon of exciting movie music with the ESO and Education Conductor Randal Swiggum is part of the ESO's 2010 *Exiles in Hollywood* Festival, examining Hollywood, its contributors, and influence on American Music.

The doors of the Hemmens Cultural Center will open at 2:00pm before the Family Fun Series concert at 3:30pm for a carnival of exciting pre-concert activities. Children will have the opportunity to discover the woodwind instrument family at the Instrument Petting Zoo, create an art project at the Family Fun Arts & Crafts station, and more! At each station children will earn a stamp for each activity they complete on their "Music Adventure Passport". When they collect a stamp from each station they can enter a drawing for a special prize at the start of the concert!

You could win 4 tickets to *Mickey, Yoda, Robin Hood: The Magic of Movie Music*! To enter, tell us in one sentence, what your favorite childhood movie is and why. Entries must be posted on the [ESO's facebook](#) page by 10am on Thursday April 8th. The winner will be notified via e-mail by 5pm on Friday April 9th, 2010.

Tickets to this event are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Pre-Concert Activities start at 2:00pm and the concert at 3:30pm at the Hemmens Cultural Center in downtown Elgin. For more information, call the ESO Box Office at (847) 888-4000 Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm.

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