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Star Trek – Live in Concert: UK Premiere – 29 May 2014

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A three day celebration of **Michael Giacchino**'s music from the **J.J. Abrams** films **Star Trek** (2009) and **Star Trek Into Darkness** (2013) began on **29 May 2014** with the UK Premiere of *Star Trek – Live in Concert* at the **Royal Albert Hall**.

Star Trek – Live in Concert and *Star Trek Into Darkness – Live in Concert* celebrate the extraordinary collaboration between the blockbuster hit films and their soundtracks, with the **21st Century Symphony Orchestra and Chorus**, conducted by **Ludwig Wicki**, performing Giacchino's scores live whilst the films are shown simultaneously in high definition on the big screen.

Thousands of proud Trekkies, including some who had flown in from abroad to be there, once again descended on the Hall – almost two decades after the previous Star Trek events at the Hall, the [Generations conventions](#) in 1995/96.



Live long and prosper: Trekkies assemble

at the Royal Albert Hall

A special surprise awaited the Trekkies at the Hall on this opening night, as actor **Simon Pegg**, who portrays classic Star Trek hero ‘Scotty’ in the two films, took to the stage to begin the evening by inviting Giacchino and Abrams to introduce the performance.

Addressing the audience, **Giacchino** said:

“I grew up in New Jersey and never came anywhere near a place like this. It is such an honour and I am so humbled to be here and I cannot believe you all came out to see us”.

Director **J.J. Abrams**, who had come straight from work recording the new **Star Wars** film in London, added:

“I believe that 51% of a great movie is a soundtrack”, before calling his composer friend Michael Giacchino *“a genius”*.



J.J. Abrams, Ludwig Wicki, Michael

Giacchino and Simon Pegg (l-r) take to the stage

A standing ovation followed a sensational performance from the orchestra, who delivered Giacchino’s energetic score perfectly alongside the Academy Award-winning film which follows iconic Captains **James T. Kirk** and **Spock** aboard the USS Enterprise as they combat Nero, a Romulan from their future who threatens the United Federation of Planets.



Conductor Ludwig Wicki dresses

appropriately for the occasion!

Taking to Twitter, Simon Pegg shared his thoughts on the “extraordinary” performance:



The night concluded as Giacchino returned to the stage with another special surprise for the film fans. Taking the conductor's baton, he led the orchestra in an exclusive performance of some of his score from the upcoming science fiction film *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* to round off an unforgettable night for an enthralled audience.



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Others took to Twitter to share their comments on the premiere:



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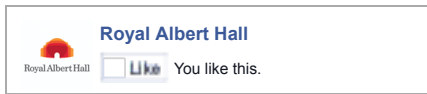
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