To coincide with Comic-Con, San Diego Symphony Presents:

• **Final Symphony: The Ultimate Final Fantasy Concert Experience;** Thurs July 21; 8PM
• **The Legend of Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses – Master Quest;** Friday, July 22; 8PM

*Concerts to be performed at Downtown’s Jacobs Music Center – Copley Symphony Hall; tickets on sales now.*

**Final Symphony: The Ultimate Final Fantasy Concert Experience,** the concert tour featuring the music of *Final Fantasy VI, VII and X* will make its debut this summer stopping in San Diego on Thursday, July 21 with the San Diego Symphony performing the musical score live on stage. Following sell-out concerts and rave reviews across Europe and Japan, Final Symphony takes the celebrated music of composers Nobuo Uematsu and Masashi Hamauzu and reimagines it as a fully realized, orchestral suites including a heart-stirring piano concerto based on *Final Fantasy X* arranged by composer Hamauzu himself, and a full, 45-minute symphony based on the music of *Final Fantasy VII*.

“We’ve been working hard to bring *Final Symphony* to the U.S. and I’m absolutely delighted that fans there will now be able to see fantastic orchestras perform truly symphonic arrangements of some of Nobuo Uematsu and Masashi Hamauzu’s most beloved themes,” said producer Thomas Böcker. “I’m very excited to see how fans here react to these unique and breathtaking performances. This is the music of *Final Fantasy* as you’ve never heard it before.”

Also joining will be regular Final Symphony conductor Eckehard Stier and talented pianist Katharina Treutler, who previously stunned listeners with her virtuosic performance on the *Final Symphony* album, recorded by the world famous London Symphony Orchestra at London’s Abbey Road Studios, and released to huge critical acclaim in February 2015. Described as “one of the best video game music albums ever made,” by leading website VGMOnline.net, it went
straight to the top of the iTunes Classical chart in more than 10 countries at launch including the United States where it was also a top-five classical album on the Billboard charts.

Nobuo Uematsu on Final Symphony:
“Although there are many game music concerts nowadays, what makes Final Symphony so different is how the original music is interpreted more freely, in an artistic manner. It offers something really new that’s not just for game fans.”

Masashi Hamauzu on Final Symphony:
“Final Symphony doesn’t just indulge fans by evoking memories of the game world and the accompanying excitement. Instead, we created a concert to celebrate the sounds of the Final Fantasy series by delivering a definitive piece of pure orchestral music—a true Final Symphony.”

The Legend of Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses – Master Quest

The acclaimed concert will regale fans with a truly unique experience from one of the most beloved game franchises ever. Audiences can expect to experience awesome new inclusions from Tri Force Heroes. The most recently released The Legend of Zelda game. Never before performed scores accompanied by new gameplay imagery will appear for the first-time ever in Master Quest, although fans will still be treated to the show’s now-classic repertoire from seasons past.

Those new to Symphony of the Goddesses will also have the opportunity to experience the beautifully orchestrated four-movement symphonic work from last season which chronicles favorite moments from the franchise’s rich and storied history expertly times with a gorgeous, larger-than-life video presentation.

Journey back to the land of Hyrule with Master Quest, the next chapter in the acclaimed world tour, The Legend of Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses – Master Quest is a never-before seen or heard multimedia concert experience that celebrates the beloved 29-year-old The Legend of Zelda franchise. It is not to be missed!

- Concerts take place on July 21 (Final Symphony: The Ultimate Final Fantasy Concert Experience) and July 22 (The Legend of Zelda: Symphony of the Goddesses – Master Quest) at downtown San Diego’s Jacobs Music Center – Copley Symphony Hall; 750 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101; 8pm.

- Tickets, $35-$90, are on sales now at San Diego Symphony’s box office at 619.235.0804; or via the Symphony’s website at www.sandiegosymphony.org. # # #