

## Hans Zimmer asked partner big question on stage

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Famous film music writer Hans Zimmer is reported to have asked for his partner's hand in marriage during a recent performance. Towards the end of a two-night run of shows in London, Zimmer invited his partner, businesswoman Dina De Luca, on stage and asked her to marry him. Zimmer wrote the music to the 1994 movie *The Lion King*, which he is best known for.

Zimmer and his orchestra performed his scores from movies new and old, such as *Dune*, *The Dark Knight*, and *Gladiator*. There was more excitement in store for the audience when Zimmer requested De Luca to come up on stage briefly. He said, "I was going to ask you something really important", before asking, "Did you lock the back door? Is the milk in the fridge?" Finally he managed to ask, "Will you marry me?" There was screaming and clapping from the crowd as the newly engaged couple hugged.

Before continuing the concert, Zimmer jokingly confirmed, "The back door's locked. Everything's good". The show also starred players from the Ukrainian group Odessa Opera Orchestra. Zimmer announced that the musicians were enormously brave to handle playing live while they, "do not know what's going on at home and everything is going on at home".

1. Hans Zimmer asked for what on stage?
2. When did he ask the big question?
3. What does Hans Zimmer write?
4. What was played at the concert?
5. What did he ask before the big question?
6. How did the audience react?
7. What did Zimmer and De Luca do after the question?
8. What joke did Zimmer make?
9. Who joined Hans Zimmer's orchestra?
10. How did Zimmer describe the guest musicians?

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#### Answers

1. For his partner to marry him.
2. Near to the end of the second show.
3. Scores for movies.
4. The music from films such as *Gladiator*.
5. If some chores had been done.
6. With celebration.
7. They hugged.
8. That the chores had been done.
9. Musicians from Ukraine.
10. As being mentally very strong.

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