Festival of the Arts Boca is back and better than ever. This year’s event will feature music, documentaries and talks by esteemed authors.

For music, feel the Force flowing tonight as The SYMPHONIA, directed by Constantine Kitsopoulos, performs John Williams’ Academy Award-winning score of “Star Wars: A New Hope” during a screening of the classic film.

The SYMPHONIA will perform again on Saturday with an evening of orchestral favorites including Gershwin’s immortal “Rhapsody in Blue.”

Also on Saturday will be a showing of the film “Bending the Arc.” This documentary chronicles the work of three people, who were barely out of their teens, who went to Haiti in the late ’80s to help those ravaged by disease and how their efforts would have global effects.

In an era of special interests and powerful lobbies, how has our Constitution held up? Find out as author Jeffrey Rosen presents “The Constitution in the 21st Century” on Sunday.

On Monday, Dr. Agnes Binagwaho and Thomas Bollyky will offer insight regarding the state of medical care around the world in their discussion “Global Public Health Today and Tomorrow.”

Need another reason to be concerned about the state of the world? Don’t miss Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Sanger on Wednesday and his presentation “Cyber Conflict: A New Era of War, Sabotage and Fear.”

Other musical acts will include Robert Pinsky: Poemjazz on Tuesday, An Evening of Russian Music and Ballet on Friday, the Nu Deco Ensemble on March 9 and closing out the festival will be Arturo Sandoval on March 10.

IF YOU GO
Festival of the Arts Boca
WHERE: Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real; Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real.
WHEN: through March 10
INFORMATION: www.festivalboca.org; 866-571-2787.

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