Emmy-winning ‘House of Cards’ composer kicks off Frost Music Live!

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With its bold trumpet sounds and a heavy baseline, the opening theme to the binge-worthy Netflix original series “House of Cards” unmistakably sets the stage for the political drama.

And that’s precisely the point. Jeff Beal doesn’t just compose orchestrations for television shows and films, he creates themes that should “move stories forward,” and complement and capture emotions that are happening on screen.

“A good score should be like a character in a film,” he says. Beal kicks off this year’s Frost Music Live! Signature Series. There are 110 concerts and events planned for the musical season presented by the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami; 24 concerts are part of the Signature Series. These concerts feature Grammy-, Emmy- and Tony-winning and nominated guests, either as performers or conductors, or both, in collaboration with musicians from the Frost School of Music.

The opening night red carpet celebration at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, features Beal, a five-time Emmy-winning composer along with the Frost School’s Henry Mancini Orchestra at UM’s Gusman Concert Hall.

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