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Florida Orchestra concerts to air on Classical WSMR

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – For the second year in a row, listeners can tune in to live recordings of select Florida Orchestra Masterworks concerts on Classical WSMR 89.1 and 103.9 FM radio. Eleven concerts from the 2018-2019 season will air at 7 pm Thursdays, starting with Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* on March 28, 2019. Most are conducted by Music Director Michael Francis.

The broadcasts are part of TFO's ongoing partnership with WUSF Public Media and Classical WSMR radio, Tampa Bay's only classical music radio station. The broadcasts are made possible by support from the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay and Jay's Fabric Center. Special thank you to the Florida Orchestra Musicians Association and to the American Federation of Musicians Local 427-721.

The full concerts are being recorded live all season long at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg, and Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. Here is the schedule of the Thursday evening broadcasts, which can be heard at 89.1 and 103.9 FM, as well as online at WSMR.org. Schedule subject to change.

March 28: Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*

April 4: *A Child of Our Time*

April 11: Brahms' *Piano Concerto No. 1*

April 18: Vaughan Williams' *A London Symphony*

April 25: Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*

May 2: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

May 9: *The Planets*

May 16: Mahler's *Symphony No. 1*

May 23: *The Creation*

May 30: Mozart & Sibelius

June 6: Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*

The Florida Orchestra's 2018-2019 season runs through May with concerts in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Upcoming highlights include [Broadway Tonight](#) (March 16-17), [The Creation](#) (March 22-24), and [Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 1](#) (March 29-31). The orchestra just announced its 2019-2020 season, which celebrates 250 years of Beethoven and beyond, starting in September. Details and tickets at FloridaOrchestra.org.

[About The Florida Orchestra](#)

The Florida Orchestra is recognized as Tampa Bay's leading performing arts institution, the largest professional symphony orchestra in Florida, and one of the most vibrant and innovative orchestras in America. This is its 51st season. Under the leadership of Music Director Michael Francis, it performs more than 130 concerts a season, with

series of classical, popular, and morning coffee concerts in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater, as well as free Pops in the Park concerts. Dedicated to bringing music to all people, connecting to the community is a priority, with pre-concert talks, family and youth concerts and other educational activities.

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