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The Florida Orchestra's free Pops in the Park concerts come to both sides of bay in May

Tampa concert celebrates Mother's Day in downtown Riverfront Park

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra will perform free Pops in the Park concerts on both sides of the bay in May, including one on Mother's Day. The pair of family-friendly concerts will feature light symphonic and movie music at Coachman Park in Clearwater on Friday, May 10, followed by TFO's debut performance at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park in Tampa on Sunday, May 12.

Both concerts start at 7:30 pm, led by TFO Assistant Conductor Daniel Black. Families can arrive early to stake out a spot and try out instruments at the **Instrument Petting Zoo**, sponsored by TFO's North Suncoast Associates. **Food trucks** from the Gulf to Bay Food Truck Association, **Mookie's Kettle Corn**, and **Chipper's Munchies** will be on site at both parks. In a longstanding tradition, TFO will collect non-perishable goods for **Tampa Bay Harvest** on both nights.

Only at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park, there will be a performance at 6:30 pm by the **Tampa 1 Prodigy Drumline**, composed of kids from the Prodigy Cultural Arts Program, sponsored by Hillsborough County and the University Area CDC.

TFO's free Pops in the Park concerts include music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *Hook*, *Sleeping Beauty*, Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries*, and more before a grand finale of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture* and a patriotic salute.

Parking: Please note that downtown Tampa parking options are limited. New this year! Two Wheel Valet will offer free and secure bike valet at Tampa's Riverfront Park thanks to the Tampa Downtown Partnership. [Click here](#) for Tampa transit and parking options. [Click here](#) for Clearwater parking options.

Music Director Michael Francis wraps up The Florida Orchestra's 51st season with Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*, featuring Concertmaster Jeffrey Multer, on May 24-26 in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Tickets start at just \$18, plus fees. TFO's new 2019-2020 season opens in the fall and celebrates 250 years of Beethoven and beyond, including Beethoven's *Fifth*, music of The Beatles, Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, Holiday Pops and much more. For tickets and information: FloridaOrchestra.org.

[About Assistant Conductor Daniel Black](#)

Daniel Black previously was assistant conductor and then associate conductor at the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra (2014-17) and is Director of Instrumental Music at Arkansas' Wildwood Arts and Music Academy. [Click for a full bio](#).

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. To buy tickets: floridaorchestra.org and 727.892.3337 or 1.800.662.7286.