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TFO's 52nd season goes from Beethoven to Beatles starting in the fall.

ST. PETERSBURG, FL -- With its new season fast approaching, The Florida Orchestra is expanding its 2019-2020 schedule with Ghostbusters In Concert; Star Wars in Concert: Return of the Jedi; National Geographic Symphony for Our World film concert; a holiday run of Handel's *Messiah*; and a rock concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of The Rolling Stones' iconic albums *Beggars Banquet* and *Let It Bleed*, the orchestra announced today. **Tickets to these concerts go on sale at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 12, 2019, along with single tickets to TFO's entire 2019-2020 season.**

The concerts boost TFO's already diverse lineup of classical, popular and family-friendly concerts that start in the fall. Music Director Michael Francis opens his fifth season with The Florida Orchestra on Sept. 27-29 with concerts in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater. This season celebrates 250 years of Beethoven and beyond, including supersized versions of [Beethoven's Fifth](#) and "[Eroica](#)" *Symphony*, plus [Vivaldi's The Four Seasons](#), music of [The Beatles](#), [Music of Bond ... James Bond](#), [Holiday Pops](#), and more.

All tickets will be available at FloridaOrchestra.org, at 727.892.3337 or 1.800.662.7286, and at The Florida Orchestra Ticket Center, 244 Second Ave. N (main floor) in St. Petersburg. Season ticket subscribers have VIP priority and can buy tickets now.

Here are details of the added concerts:

Full films on the big screen with live Florida Orchestra

- **National Geographic Symphony for Our World:** From the depths of the sea to up over the mountains, breathtaking National Geographic footage puts you in the middle of the world's most incredible wildlife scenes. Features The Florida Orchestra and the USF Chamber Choir performing an original symphony live while the film plays on the big screen. Music created by Emmy- and BAFTA-nominated Bleeding Fingers Music featuring composers Austin Fray and Andrew Christie. Kevin Zakresky conducts. Film runs 90 minutes.

Sat, Nov. 2, 8 p.m., Straz Center – One Night Only!

Tickets: \$48.75, \$58.75, \$68.75, \$78.75, plus fees

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- **Ghostbusters In Concert:** Who ya gonna call? The Florida Orchestra, of course, who will perform the iconic score live while Ivan Reitman's 1984 comedic masterpiece plays on the big screen. All under the baton of composer and conductor Peter M. Bernstein, son of Elmer Bernstein, who composed the original soundtrack. *Ghostbusters* stars Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, and Harold Ramis as eccentric parapsychologists who start a ghost-catching business in New York City after their careers in academia go awry. The film's co-stars include Sigourney Weaver as the Ghostbusters' first client turned Gatekeeper, Rick Moranis as an accountant turned Keymaster, and Ernie Hudson as the Ghostbusters' first recruit.

Sat, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m., Mahaffey Theater – One Night Only!

Tickets: \$28, \$38, \$48, \$58, plus fees; \$10 discount for kids 18 and under

Bonus! Ghostbusters fan clubs will don their proton packs for paranormal fun with the audience.

These two family film concerts are in addition to **Star Wars Live in Concert: Return of the Jedi** presented in conjunction with Ruth Eckerd Hall on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at 8 p.m. The Florida Orchestra will perform Oscar®-winning composer John Williams' iconic score live while the entire movie plays on the big screen. Fans will be able to experience the scope and grandeur of this beloved film in a live symphonic concert experience. Tickets are \$52.75, \$62.75, \$72.75, and \$102.75 and go on sale Monday, Aug. 12, at 10 a.m. They can be purchased only through the Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office, by calling 727.791.7400, or visiting RuthEckerdHall.com.

The Florida Orchestra and Windborne Perform

The Music of The Rolling Stones: Mick Jagger & Keith Richards 1969

The Florida Orchestra and Conductor Brent Havens perform Windborne's The Music of The Rolling Stones: Mick Jagger and Keith Richards 1969 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The Rolling Stones iconic albums, *Beggars' Banquet* and *Let It Bleed*. The performance will feature tracks from these two albums including *Sympathy For The Devil*, *Street Fighting Man*, *Gimme Shelter*, *Midnight Rambler* and *You Can't Always Get What You Want* as well as other classic hits from their ABKCO years such as *Let's Spend The Night Together*, *Brown Sugar*, *Ruby Tuesday* and more. Vocalist Tony Vincent and a full rock band will join The Florida Orchestra.

Fri, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., Mahaffey Theater – One Night Only!

Tickets: \$35, \$50, \$65, plus fees

Handel's 'Messiah' comes to 2 churches, Mahaffey Theater

For nearly 300 years, one work has brought audiences to their feet in the ultimate celebration of holiday joy: Handel's *Messiah*, with its divine "Hallelujah" chorus. Just days before Christmas, Michael Francis will lead The Florida Orchestra and the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay for Handel's holiday staple at two large churches and the Mahaffey Theater. When TFO last performed the oratorio, we reached more than 9,000 people over three nights to rave reviews.

Thur, Dec. 19, 8 p.m., Idlewild Baptist Church

Fri, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., Mahaffey Theater

Sat, Dec. 21, 5 p.m., First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks

Reserved seats at the Mahaffey Theater are \$18, \$33, \$48 and \$58, plus fees

Seats at the two churches are general admission only, for \$30.

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Other TFO series and concerts on sale Aug. 12

- **Tampa Bay Times Masterworks:** Concert highlights include Beethoven's *Fifth*, "*Eroica*" *Symphony*, *Deep Field: A Cosmic Experience*, Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto No. 3*, Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*, and more. \$18, \$33, \$48, plus fees. Also includes Weekend Matinee series at the Mahaffey. Kids and teens ages 5-18 get in free to Masterworks concerts with Classical Kids & Teen tickets, available in advance.
- **Raymond James Pops series:** Highlights include *Revolution: The Beatles Experience*, *Holiday Pops*, *Music of Bond ... James Bond*, *Broadway: Sondheim & Lloyd Webber*, and more. \$18, \$33, \$48, plus fees. Also includes Weekend Matinee series at the Mahaffey.
- **Coffee Concert series:** Morning concerts with free coffee and doughnuts in St. Petersburg and Clearwater. Season highlights include *Spooktacular*, *All About Tchaikovsky*, *Bright Side of Beethoven*, and more. \$24, \$29, \$34, \$42, plus fees.
- **[One Giant Leap Family Concerts](#):** New series with full orchestra, geared for kids and families. Celebrates the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with "Jupiter" from Holst's *The Planets*, *Flying Theme* from Williams' *E.T.*, and more. Dates: Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, at the Straz Center in Tampa at 2 pm; and Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg at 2 pm. TFO's Instrument Petting Zoo starts at 1 p.m. \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door, plus fees; ages 3 and under free.

Full schedules of these previously announced series are available at floridaorchestra.org.

As part of its core mission, The Florida Orchestra is dedicated to offering a wide range of concerts at affordable prices. This season's ticket prices are the same as last year, and premium subscribers save \$3 per ticket per concert over single ticket buyers. Compose Your Own tickets are \$25 each when you mix and match three or more Masterworks and Pops concerts. Student and military tickets are \$10, available 1 hour before the concert. Kids and teens get in free to all Masterworks concerts with a paying adult with Classical Kids & Teen tickets, available in advance through the TFO Ticket Office. The orchestra also will perform many free or low-cost concerts this season, including free Pops in the Park and pay-what-you-can Inside the Music concerts.

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[About The Florida Orchestra](#)

The Florida Orchestra is recognized as Tampa Bay's leading performing arts institution, the largest professional orchestra in Florida, and one of the most vibrant and innovative orchestras in America. This is its 52nd 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.