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Coronavirus cancels Florida Orchestra concerts

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – Based on the recommendation of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis against large public gatherings, The Florida Orchestra has canceled or postponed all concerts through April 5 to limit the spread of the coronavirus (covid-19).

“We strongly believe in taking every precaution as we work together as a community to slow the spread of the virus, and we know this is the right decision, but it is unfortunate. In times like these, we want our orchestra to be there for our community, to help us process complex emotions, bring us joy, give us comfort. As we move forward, that will not change,” said TFO President & CEO Mark Cantrell.

These concerts are canceled or postponed:

March 20-22: Bach’s St. John Passion Masterworks concert. **Canceled**

March 25 & 26: Bright Side of Beethoven Coffee concert. **Canceled**

March 27-29: Broadway Pops concert. **Canceled**

March 28: Peter and the Wolf Storytime Series. **Postponed**

March 29: String Trio Woodson Chamber Series. **Postponed**

April 3-5:

- Vivaldi’s The Four Seasons Masterworks concert. **Canceled**
- Week of community chamber concerts at hospitals, Tampa International Airport, ZooTampa and R.E. Olds Park. **Canceled**

For patrons who have tickets to a canceled event, The Florida Orchestra is issuing a TFO gift certificate that can be used anytime and will never expire. Patrons also may convert the value of their tickets into a tax-deductible donation to the orchestra. For assistance, patrons should email the TFO Ticket Office at ticketcenter@floridaorchestra.org.

[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. FloridaOrchestra.org