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## **The Florida Orchestra announces 3 new board members**

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra today announced the recent election of three new members to its Board of Directors.

“We are thrilled to welcome three outstanding members of the Tampa Bay community to The Florida Orchestra’s Board of Directors. They each bring unique professional and cultural expertise that keeps our board strong, active and focused on the bright future of the state’s largest professional orchestra,” said TFO Board Chair Janet Paroo.



**Linda Cassaly** was the Chief Technology Officer at ConnectWise and managed a software product development group for more than 20 years, before her retirement. Linda has just completed her degree in music through the Berklee College of Music Online. She plays piano, flute, trombone and saxophone. She is a member of the Awesome Second Time Arounders marching band and Tampa Oratorio Singers. Other volunteer positions include board member for Computer Mentors, which provides technical, computer training to underserved youth and a board member for Instruments of Change, which provides band programs to Title 1 elementary schools. These band programs provide music training to fifth graders to prepare them for middle school band, including a free instrument.



**Greg Rust** is Raymond James’ Senior Vice President, Operations - Service Delivery and a member of Raymond James Financial’s Operating Committee. Greg brings extensive combined operational, financial and leadership experience in the financial services and healthcare industries, and he began his career in missile propulsion systems engineering as a civilian for the U.S. Navy. He holds a BS degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA in finance, both from the University of Maryland. He also holds the Series 7, 24, 27 and 66 securities licenses.



**Gary Satterfield** was the CEO of a not-for-profit industry trade association representing the equipment and technology suppliers to the solid waste and recycling industry, before his retirement in 2010. Over his more than 20 years working with not-for-profit trade associations, Gary has had both technical and executive responsibilities, encompassing staff management and development, financial management, customer/client service, strategic planning, technical support, membership development, government relations and meeting planning. While working, Gary completed his MA in business management from Central Michigan University. Plans for retirement brought Gary to Brandon in 2006, drawn to the abundance of cultural activities (orchestral music, opera, ballet, museums) in the Tampa Bay area, and he is currently a supporter of many of those cultural organizations. Gary is a graduate of the U.S. Naval

Academy with a BS in applied science and naval science. Following graduation, he went through nuclear power training and later served as engineer officer. He served on four submarines during his active duty. After 30 years of naval service, Gary retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of captain. He is the recipient of many awards and commendations, including the Navy Commendation Medal.

For a full list of The Florida Orchestra board members, [click here](#).

For 53 years, The Florida Orchestra has endured as an artistic gem in the Tampa Bay community. As many orchestras across the country remain dark for the pandemic, The Florida Orchestra has been live on stage for 48 in-person performances – and counting – since Oct. 31, when it returned from an eight-month hiatus with new safety measures in place at the Mahaffey Theater. TFO also offers select concerts for free via [live stream](#) and on demand so everyone has access to the music during the pandemic. The season continues this week with [Beethoven Birthday Bash](#) morning Coffee concert on Thursday (Feb. 25), and [Dan Black & The \(TFO\) Brass Cats](#) on Saturday (Feb. 27) in the Raymond James Pops series.

### [About The Florida Orchestra](#)

*The Florida Orchestra (TFO) 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. For its 53<sup>rd</sup> season, the orchestra is proud to introduce free live-streaming video of select concerts so everyone has access to the music. Under the leadership of Music Director Michael Francis, TFO performs series of classical, popular, and morning coffee concerts in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater, as well as free Pops in the Park concerts. The orchestra is dedicated to connecting to the community both in-person and virtually, with TFO at Home, family and youth concerts and other educational programs. For tickets and information: [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org). To donate: [FloridaOrchestra.org/donate](http://FloridaOrchestra.org/donate).*