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Hurricane Ian postpones Florida Orchestra concert with violin legend Itzhak Perlman

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – Due to Hurricane Ian, The Florida Orchestra is postponing its 55th Celebration benefit concert featuring violin legend Itzhak Perlman scheduled for this Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Mahaffey Theater, the orchestra announced today.

“Like everyone, we have been monitoring this storm closely, and we believe this is the best decision for the safety of everyone, now and after the storm,” said TFO President & CEO Mark Cantrell.

The concert, which features Perlman’s favorite film music under the baton of Michael Francis, will be rescheduled for later in the season, and all patrons should hang on to their tickets. Details will be announced when available. The benefit concert supports TFO’s artistic initiatives and education programs all year long.

In addition:

Pops in the Park canceled: The orchestra’s free Pops in the Park concert scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2, at River Tower Park in Tampa has been canceled. There is no rescheduled date.

TFO Ticket Center closed: The orchestra’s Ticket Center and administrative offices, located in the St. Petersburg College building downtown, are closed now and will remain closed until it is safe to reopen. Please check the website for updates when possible.

TFO is scheduled to perform more than 100 concerts this season in venues throughout Tampa Bay, including a wide range of classical, popular, film and family-friendly music. Music Director Michael Francis debuts the Hough Family Foundation Masterworks series with Carl Orff’s epic [Carmina Burana](#) on Oct. 7-9, kicking off the classical series that ranges from [Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 4](#) to [Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2](#) and much more. The Raymond James Pops series includes blockbusters such as [Harry Potter vs Star Wars](#), [Holiday Pops](#) and The Beatles’ iconic [Abbey Road](#) album. All tickets are on sale now at FloridaOrchestra.org.

[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. It celebrates its 55th season in 2022-23. 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 family and

youth concerts and other educational programs. For tickets and information: FloridaOrchestra.org. The Florida Orchestra is a non-profit 501(c)3 EIN: 59-1223691 CH#1830. To learn more how you can support the power of music in building community, contact: sweymouth@floridaorchestra.org To donate: FloridaOrchestra.org/donate