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The Florida Orchestra sets new date for benefit concert with Itzhak Perlman

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra has rescheduled its 55th Celebration concert featuring legendary violin superstar Itzhak Perlman for Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 8 pm at the Mahaffey Theater, the orchestra announced today. TFO Music Director Michael Francis will conduct the benefit concert, which supports TFO's music and education programs. It was postponed by Hurricane Ian.

Remaining concert tickets are on sale now for \$125, \$175 and \$225, and are available at FloridaOrchestra.org; 727.892.3337 or 1.800.662.7286; and the TFO Ticket Center. For patrons who already have tickets, no action is required; those tickets will be honored for the new date.

Limited individual VIP tickets are available for \$550, and include premium concert seating, a pre-concert reception with bar and hors d'oeuvres at the Mahaffey Theater overlooking the St. Petersburg waterfront. Select sponsorships are limited availability. For information and to purchase VIP tickets and sponsorships, please contact TFO Chief Development Officer Susana Weymouth at (727) 362-5430 or sweymouth@floridaorchestra.org

Montserrat and Emmanuel Cerf are honorary co-chairs for TFO's 55th Celebration benefit concert, which is the premier fundraising event of the 2022-23 season for the state's largest professional orchestra, and the only arts organization that bridges Tampa Bay. Non-profit TFO exists to INSPIRE – EDUCATE – UNITE as we build community through the power of music. The benefit concert supports TFO's high standard of artistic excellence on stage as well as robust education and community programs all year long, including free TFO Strings for Kids violin classes, Youth Concerts and more.

Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Perlman enjoys superstar status rarely afforded a classical musician. He will join the orchestra to perform his favorite movie music, including the *Theme from Schindler's List* – which he performed in the Academy Award-winning film – along with *As Time Goes By* from *Casablanca*, the love theme from *Cinema Paradiso* and more. For more about Perlman, [click here](#).

TFO will perform more than 100 concerts this season in venues throughout Tampa Bay. Next up is the [Magic of Rodgers & Hammerstein](#) at 2 pm & 8 pm Saturday (Oct. 29) at the Mahaffey Theater in the Raymond James Pops series, which also includes blockbusters such as [Holiday Pops](#) (Dec. 9-11), [Aretha: Queen of Soul](#) (Jan. 13 & 14, 2023) and [Harry Potter vs Star Wars](#) (March 18 & 19, 2023). TFO's core classical series is the Hough Family Foundation Masterworks, led by Maestro Francis, with music that ranges from [Scheherazade](#) (Nov. 5 & 6) to [Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4](#) (Dec. 2-4) to [Rachmaninoff's](#)

[Piano Concerto No. 2](#) (Feb 17-19, 2023) and much more. Subscriptions and single concert tickets are on sale now at FloridaOrchestra.org.

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[About Michael Francis](#)

In his eighth season as music director of The Florida Orchestra, Michael Francis has raised artistic excellence to new heights, strengthened the audience's connection to the music and reinvigorated TFO's community and education programs. The internationally acclaimed conductor also is music director of the Mainly Mozart Festival in San Diego and principal conductor of Deutsche Staatsphilharmonie Rheinland-Pfalz in Germany. For more, [click here](#)

[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 now: FloridaOrchestra.org/donate

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