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The Florida Orchestra brings Soundwaves chamber concerts to Clearwater church



ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra is expanding its Soundwaves chamber series to the Church of the Ascension in Clearwater starting in February, the orchestra announced today. The series is a unique opportunity to experience TFO's world-class musicians playing chamber music in an intimate setting, with music ranging from Beethoven and Bruckner to Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Tickets are on sale now at FloridaOrchestra.org.

TFO will perform three chamber concerts at the Church of the Ascension, which is nestled in the heart of downtown Clearwater at 701 Orange Ave. in the historic Harbor Oaks neighborhood. Built in 1925, the church is a grand historic landmark, with distinctive architecture and stained glass windows that offer a stunning setting for chamber music. In addition, three previously announced performances are scheduled at the charming Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg. The series is made possible by generous donors who prefer to remain anonymous.

Tickets are \$25, all fees included, with general admission seating. They are available now at FloridaOrchestra.org or by phone at 727.892.3337. The chamber series concert schedule is:

Pictures at an Exhibition Revisited

[Chelsea Gallo, conductor](#)

Listen to a beloved classic in a whole new way with this colorful version of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, arranged for chamber orchestra by Australian-Chinese composer Julian Yu. Beethoven's lighthearted *Septet for Winds and Strings* in E-flat major was his most popular work during his lifetime.

New! Fri, Feb. 10, 8 pm, Church of the Ascension

Sat, Feb. 11, 8 pm, Palladium Theater

The Sorcerer's Apprentice & More

[Chelsea Gallo, conductor](#)

Program includes Dukas' magical *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, Saint-Saëns' *Danse Macabre*, Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks* and more. Note: This program is presented without intermission.

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New! Thur, March 9, 8 pm, Church of the Ascension
Sun, March 12, 2 pm, Palladium Theater – Matinee

Michael Francis conducts Bruckner's Seventh

Fall in love with Anton Bruckner in this intimate chamber version, conducted by [Music Director Michael Francis](#). Influences of Beethoven and Wagner shine through his most popular symphony.

New! Fri, April 21, 8 pm, Church of the Ascension
Sat, April 22, 8 pm, Palladium Theater

TFO will perform more than 100 concerts this season in venues throughout Tampa Bay, including a wide range of classical, popular, film, rock and family-friendly music. Next up is [Aretha: Queen of Soul](#) this weekend (Jan. 13 & 14) at the Straz Center and Mahaffey Theater in the Raymond James Pops series, which also includes The Beatles' iconic [Abbey Road](#) album, [Harry Potter vs Star Wars](#) and more. Music Director Michael Francis continues the Hough Family Foundation Masterworks series with [Mahler's Symphony No. 4](#) on Jan. 28 & 29. The orchestra's [55th Celebration concert](#) featuring legendary violinist Itzhak Perlman will be March 11 at the Mahaffey Theater. Tickets for all concerts 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 now: [FloridaOrchestra.org/donate](#)

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