



MEDIA ALERT | Nov. 15, 2023

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The Florida Orchestra packs December with holiday music: The Grinch film, Holiday Pops, Messiah & Holiday Brass

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra is bringing a sleigh load of 12 holiday performances in December for very merry music at its very best. Family-friendly experiences include **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** film with live orchestra – matinee added! – our most popular concert of the year **Holiday Pops**, the grand tradition of **Handel's Messiah** conducted by Michael Francis, and TFO's festive **Holiday Brass**. Tickets available now at FloridaOrchestra.org, 727.892.3337 and TFO Ticket Center. Concert details:

FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Cindy Lou Who takes matters into her own hands and turns both Whoville and the Grinch's world upside down, inside out and funny side up in her search for the true meaning of Christmas. The Florida Orchestra will perform the score live to picture. Starring Jim Carrey, directed by Ron Howard. © 2023 Universal Studios. All Rights Reserved.

Sat, Dec 2, 2 pm & 7:30 pm, Mahaffey Theater – Matinee added!

Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55; all fees included

RAYMOND JAMES POPS

Holiday Pops

Our most popular concert of the year! An annual tradition filled with family and friends, featuring favorites that range from *Sleigh Ride* to *The Nutcracker*, with a holiday sing-along. Conducted by Bruce Hangen, former guest conductor of the Boston Pops. Featuring Tampa Oratorio Singers and Lumina Youth Choirs.

Fri, Dec 15, 8 pm, Straz Center, Morsani

Sat, Dec 16, 2 pm & 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater – Matinee

Sun, Dec 17, 2 pm & 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall – Matinee

Tickets: \$28, \$40, \$65, \$80; all fees included

\$20 children's ticket available in advance; restrictions apply

SPECIAL CONCERT

Handel's Messiah

Music Director Michael Francis conducts the ultimate celebration of holiday joy, with its divine "Hallelujah" chorus. A tradition for nearly 300 years. Featuring The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay.

Fri, Dec 8, 8 pm, Straz Center, Morsani

Sat, Dec 9, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$55, \$65; all fees included

TFO CHAMBER CONCERT

Holiday Brass

Feel the power of TFO's unparalleled brass section as they perform a festive mix of classical and popular holiday favorites in intimate venues. Daniel Black conducts.

Thur, Dec 7, 7:30 pm, Church of the Ascension

Sat, Dec 9, 8 pm, Tampa Theatre

Sun, Dec 10, 2 pm, Palladium Theater

Tickets: \$25, general admission

TFO will perform more than 100 concerts this season in venues throughout Tampa Bay. This weekend the Hough Family Foundation Masterworks series continues with [Brahms' Symphony No. 1](#) on Friday at the Straz Center, Saturday at the Mahaffey Theater, and Sunday at Ruth Eckerd Hall. 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. This is its 56th season. Under the leadership of Music Director Michael Francis, TFO performs series of classical, popular, and morning 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, including family and youth concerts and other educational programs. For tickets and information: FloridaOrchestra.org. The Florida Orchestra is a non-profit 501(c)3 that has earned a 100% score and [Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator](#); 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