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The Florida Orchestra celebrates 10 years of Michael Francis in 2024-25 season

- **MASTERWORKS OPENING NIGHT:** Ravel's Bolero in Latin-inspired concert
- **GREAT MASTERPIECES:** Beethoven's Fifth, Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Mahler's Third
- **WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS:** Olga Kern, Joyce Yang, Stefan Jackiw, Tzimon Barto
- **NEW DISCOVERIES:** 'Seaborne' film with Percussion Collective; saxophone concerto
- **PRETTY WOMAN TO HUNGER GAMES:** James Newton Howard to conduct his greatest hits
- **WIDE VARIETY:** Country Hits; Music of Tina Turner; Ragtime, Blues & All That Jazz**;** Holiday Pops
- **MORNING SERIES:** New lead conductor Chelsea Gallo; TFO musicians featured as soloists
- Season tickets for all series on sale now at **FloridaOrchestra.org**

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ST. PETERSBURG, FL – Celebrating 10 years of Music Director Michael Francis' bold artistic leadership, The Florida Orchestra announces the 2024-25 season, full of the world's great masterpieces, stunning new discoveries and broad programming that reflects the rich cultural landscape of Tampa Bay and beyond. The 57th season is a culmination of what Maestro Francis and TFO do best – creative, thoughtful programs that foster a deeper, more personal connection to the music and mission of Florida's largest professional orchestra.

To open the premier Hough Family Foundation Masterworks in October, Maestro Francis is inspired by Tampa Bay's Latin roots. The innovative, colorful program partners with The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay in unexpected ways, including a fantastic finish with **Ravel's Bolero.** The Masterworks series will emphasize great concertos of the Romantic Period including **Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1*** with renowned soloist Olga Kern, **Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*** and **Grieg's *Piano Concerto***, alongside epic masterpieces including **Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*** and **Mahler's *Symphony No. 3***. For the first time, TFO is going country in the Raymond James Pops series. It opens with **Country Hits: Songs from Nashville**, a tribute to icons such as Dolly Parton and Garth Brooks. In the special Pops concert **Pretty Woman to Hunger Games**, famed film composer **James Newton Howard** himself will conduct some of his most captivating scores. The re-energized Morning Matinees series is back with a new lead conductor, TFO Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo. Also new: Each morning concert will showcase one of TFO's remarkable musicians as a soloist.

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"The new season is filled with incredible variety. We're proud to work with soloists from the world's great concert halls, as we continue to create spectacular experiences with familiar favorites while introducing new discoveries," said Francis, who is generously sponsored by the Hough Family. "We've expanded our Masterworks series to 14 programs. Each one is carefully curated to tell a story and spark a great conversation. My absolute passion is to help each person connect to the music, and above all, to connect to themselves. Every concert should feel unique and meaningful to your life and your community."

The Masterworks series reflects a decade of Maestro Francis' influence. A centerpiece concert of the season pairs two of the most famous openings in music: **Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*** (Nov. 1-3) and **Richard Strauss' *Also Sprach Zarathustra*** (Theme from *2001: A Space Odyssey*), one of the first works Francis ever conducted with TFO. This will be the first time TFO performs the Mahler arrangement of Beethoven's iconic symphony, a bigger, bolder version of the original. Francis also will conduct **Copland's *Symphony No. 3*** (May 9 & 10, 2025) – the great American symphony – which was part of his first opening night with TFO in 2015.

Maestro Francis is bringing back another creative success for the Masterworks series: "mystery pieces." Francis has personally chosen all 14 short works, which will enhance and connect to the program in a surprising way. None will be listed ahead of time.

"It's amazing to me that we've reached my tenth season with The Florida Orchestra. Making music with these musicians has been a true privilege, and I'm proud of our work as a beacon of artistic excellence in Tampa Bay," said Francis, who signed a contract extension through at least the 2029-30 season.

"This season makes a statement about the impact Michael Francis and TFO have made over the past decade," said President & CEO Ignacio Barrón Viela. "Our audiences have come to expect not only a great performance, but a special experience that stays with them long after they leave the concert hall. At The Florida Orchestra, we believe music is a catalyst for beauty, healing, joy and so much more. The Tampa Bay community is such a rich melting pot of cultures, and we are performing a wide variety of music that is accessible to all. Nobody delivers experiences at the highest level like Michael Francis with your Florida Orchestra, both in the concert hall and the community."

TFO will bring inspiring guest artists from around the world to Tampa Bay stages. Performing ***Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1*** (Feb. 22 & 23, 2025) in her TFO debut will be renowned soloist **Olga Kern**, the only woman in the past 50 years to win a gold medal at the famed Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. **Gershwin's *Piano Concerto*** (May 9 & 10, 2025) will be in the hands of pianist **Tzimon Barto** – a bodybuilder, novelist, poet and philosopher from Eustis, FL. Also making their TFO debuts are Spanish violinist **Francisco Fullana** for **Sibelius' *Violin Concerto*** (Oct. 19 & 20); cellist **Inbal Segev** for **Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations*** (Jan. 24 & 25, 2025); New Zealand-born **Geneva Lewis** for **Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*** (Jan. 11 & 12, 2025); and **Alexi Kenney** for **Beethoven's *Violin Concerto*** (March 14-16, 2025). Returning favorites include **Joyce Yang** for **Grieg's *Piano Concerto*** (Nov. 22 & 23) and **Stefan Jackiw** for **Korngold's *Violin Concerto*** (April 26 & 27, 2025).

The season is filled with new discoveries for TFO audiences. A big hit in the 2023-24 season, **The Percussion Collective** returns to perform **Garth Neustadter's *Seaborne*** (Feb. 7 & 8, 2025), a stunning 30-minute concerto for six percussionists, orchestra and film. The powerful collaboration of Emmy Award-winning composer Neustadter and water lensman Kjell van Sice honors the beauty and importance of our oceans. Another first for TFO audiences will be **Guillaume Connesson's *A Kind of Trane Saxophone Concerto*** (March 29 & 30, 2025), an homage to the great jazz saxophonist and composer John Coltrane. It will be performed by **Robert Young**, whose brother, Joseph, will conduct the concert. A wide range of other composers and works includes **Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's *Ballade*** (Nov. 22 & 23); **William Dawson's *Negro Folk Symphony*** (Jan. 11 & 12, 2025); **Gabriela Lena Frank's *Elegía Andina*** (Jan. 24 & 25, 2025) and **John Adams' *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*** (March 29 & 30, 2025).

More big Masterworks moments include **Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*** (April 5, 2025), led by Concertmaster Jeffrey Multer, **Rachmaninoff's *Symphony No. 3*** (Oct. 19 & 20), **Brahms' Symphony No. 2** (Nov. 22 & 23), **Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet** (March 29 & 30, 2025) and Mussorgsky/Ravel's ***Pictures at an Exhibition*** (April 26 & 27, 2025).

All Hough Family Foundation Masterworks concerts include popular Pre-Concert Conversations, which take a deep dive into the stories behind the music with guest artists and conductors, starting one hour before the performance. Sponsored by Smith & Associates Real Estate.

TFO'S RAYMOND JAMES POPS SERIES puts the power of the full orchestra behind a variety of film, popular and Broadway music in nine programs. It opens with the orchestra's first-ever country show, **Country Hits: Songs from Nashville** (Sept. 28), saluting everything America loves about country music past and present with the music of Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Garth Brooks and more. In the special Pops concert **Pretty Woman to Hunger Games** (Feb. 14 & 15, 2025), audiences will experience the magic of the cinema as famed film composer **James Newton Howard** conducts his most riveting scores, including *Pretty Woman*, *Hunger Games*, *Dark Knight*, *Fantastic Beasts* and more.

TFO's most popular concert of the year, **Holiday Pops** (Dec. 20-22), continues one of Tampa Bay's greatest holiday traditions for the whole family, with jolly classics conducted by TFO Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo. In **Blockbuster Broadway** (March 22 & 23, 2025), top Broadway vocalists perform the ultimate showstoppers from *Wicked*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Sound of Music*, *Lion King*, *Chicago*, *CATS*, *A Chorus Line* and more.

The series honors the performers and composers who have provided the soundtrack of our lives for generations. **Music of the Knights** (Nov. 16) pays tribute to music royalty Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John and Paul McCartney, three of the most successful songwriters of all time. **Simply The Best: The Music of Tina Turner** (May 16-18, 2025) celebrates her legacy with her biggest hits, including *What's Love Got to Do With It?*, *Proud Mary* and more.

Several fan favorites will be back. For **Dancing in the Street** (Jan. 17 & 19, 2025), former TFO conductor Jeff Tyzik will conduct Motown hits from artists such as Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross and more, featuring St. Petersburg native and *American Idol* star Michael Lynche. Conductor and virtuosic trumpeter Byron Stripling brings his signature **Ragtime, Blues & All That Jazz** (May 30, 2025) show, which ends with a full-throttle jam session.

THE MORNING MATINEES SERIES returns with a fresh face and new experiences. **TFO Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo** will take audiences on a journey into their favorite music, featuring everything from cello concertos to vacuum cleaners.

For the first time, each of the six themed programs will showcase one of TFO's remarkable musicians as a soloist: Principal Clarinet **Natalie Hoe**; Second Assistant Concertmaster Violinist **Natalie Yu**; Associate Principal Second Violin **Lucas Guideri**; Associate Principal Cello **Victor Minke Huls**; Associate Principal Trombone **Ross Holcombe**; and Associate Principal Trumpet/Utility **Ansel Norris**.

"I'm delighted that our brilliant Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo will now lead the revamped Morning Matinees series," Maestro Francis said. "By featuring TFO soloists, these concerts are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the extraordinary talent within The Florida Orchestra."

Concerts include **For the Love of Italy** (Oct. 9 & 10) featuring Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 4*, "Italian;" **Love … It's Complicated** (Feb. 13, 2025) featuring Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture*; **The French Revelation** (April 30 & May 1, 2025) featuring Mozart's *Symphony No. 31*, "Paris," and more. The series is presented by the Helen Torres Foundation.

FOR COMMUNITY AND ADDITIONAL CONCERTS in the fall, the orchestra will perform the free Raymond James Pops in the Park concert in Vinoy Park in St. Petersburg and is planning a wide variety of community partnerships for the 2024-25 season. A full schedule of TFO's special, benefit and community concerts such as Inside the Music, Sing Out Tampa Bay, full-orchestra Family Concerts and more will be released over the summer.

SEASON TICKETS FOR ALL SERIES ON SALE NOW. Florida Orchestra 2024-25 season packages of varying sizes are on sale now at FloridaOrchestra.org. Premium curated packages are offered for the classical Hough Family Foundation Masterworks, Raymond James Pops, and Morning Matinee series, and are the best value: Season

subscribers save $5 per ticket, per concert over single-ticket prices. Subscribers receive more great benefits including priority seating, discounts for add-on concerts, bonus concerts, and free flexible ticket exchanges. For more information, email the Ticket Center at ticketcenter@floridaorchestra.org or call 727.892.3337. The Ticket Center is open 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday (Saturday hours by phone and email only). Single tickets go on sale July 29.

COMPOSE YOUR OWN SERIES. Our most flexible series now includes Morning Matinees concerts. Mix and match at least three Masterworks, Pops and Morning Matinees concerts for $50 a ticket, all fees included. Seat assignments are on a first-come, first-served basis. Premium curated package benefits do not apply. Go to ComposeYourOwn.com to subscribe.

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About Michael Francis

The 2024-25 season celebrates 10 years of Michael Francis as The Florida Orchestra's music director, with a contract extension through at least the 2029-30 season. With bold innovation and passionate performances, Maestro 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 Chelsea Gallo

Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo has been praised for her ability to "lead the orchestra with grace and fiery command." She returns in the fall as lead conductor for the Morning Matinees series. 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 57th season in 2024-25. 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

The Florida Orchestra 2024-25 Series Concert by Concert

Hough Family Foundation Masterworks Series

Led by Music Director Michael Francis

Our premier series of the world's greatest music, plus exciting new works from a wide range of composers.

New! Masterworks Matinees: We've added a six-concert matinee package at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg.

Bonus! Free Pre-concert Conversations with musicians and conductors start 1 hour before the concert. Sponsored by Smith & Associates Real Estate.

Free Classical Kids & Teens tickets: Kids and teens ages 5-18 get in free to all Masterworks concerts, thanks in part to an anonymous donor. At least one adult ticket purchase required.

Opening Night! Ravel's Bolero

Michael Francis, conductor
Chelsea Guo, piano
The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay

Chabrier: España
Falla: Nights in the Gardens of Spain
Villa-Lobos: Choros No. 10
Borodin: Polovtsian Dances
Ravel: Bolero

Sat, Oct 5, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Oct 6, 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall

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Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 3
FEATURING SIBELIUS' VIOLIN CONCERTO

Michael Francis, conductor
Francisco Fullana, violin

Sibelius: Violin Concerto
Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 3

Sat, Oct 19, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Oct 20, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

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Beethoven's Symphony No. 5
FEATURING STRAUSS' ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA

Michael Francis, conductor

Richard Strauss: Also Sprach Zarathustra
Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 (arr. Mahler)

Fri, Nov 1, 8 pm, Straz Center | Sat, Nov 2, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Nov 3, 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall

Brahms' Symphony No. 2
FEATURING JOYCE YANG FOR GRIEG'S PIANO CONCERTO

Aram Demirjian, conductor
Joyce Yang, piano

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: Ballade
Grieg: Piano Concerto
Brahms: Symphony No. 2

Fri, Nov 22, 8 pm, Straz Center, Morsani | Sat, Nov 23, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

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Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto
FEATURING GENEVA LEWIS

Nicholas Hersh, conductor
Geneva Lewis, violin

William Dawson: Negro Folk Symphony
Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto
Enescu: Romanian Rhapsody No. 1

Sat, Jan 11, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Jan 12, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

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Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations
FEATURING CELLIST INBAL SEGEV

Keitaro Harada, conductor
Inbal Segev, cello

Gabriela Lena Frank: Elegía Andina
Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rococo Theme
Kodaly: Dances of Galánta
Bizet: Carmen Suites 1 & 2

Fri, Jan 24, 8 pm, Straz Center, Morsani | Sat, Jan 25, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

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Debussy's La Mer
FEATURING PERCUSSION COLLECTIVE WITH 'SEABORNE' FILM

Chelsea Gallo, conductor
The Percussion Collective

Garth Neustadter: Seaborne (Film with Orchestra)
Sibelius: The Oceanides
Debussy: La Mer

Fri, Feb 7, 8 pm, Straz Center, Ferguson | Sat, Feb 8, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

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Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1
FEATURING OLGA KERN

Michael Francis, conductor
Olga Kern, piano
Donnie Ray Albert, baritone
The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay

Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1
William Walton: Belshazzar's Feast

Sat, Feb 22, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Feb 23, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

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Beethoven's Violin Concerto
FEATURING ALEXI KENNEY

Michael Francis, conductor
Alexi Kenney, violin

Beethoven: Violin Concerto
Smetana: Ma Vlast: Sarka and Vltava (The Moldau)
Janacek: Taras Bulba

Fri, Mar 14, 8 pm, Straz Center | Sat, Mar 15, 8 pm, Mahaffey | Sun, Mar 16, 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall

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Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet
FEATURING A KIND OF TRANE SAXOPHONE CONCERTO

Joseph Young, conductor
Robert Young, saxophone

John Adams: Short Ride in a Fast Machine
Guillaume Connesson: A Kind of Trane Saxophone Concerto
Prokofiev: Suites from Romeo and Juliet

Sat, Mar 29, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Mar 30, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

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Vivaldi's The Four Seasons
FEATURING MOZART'S SYMPHONY NO. 39

Jeffrey Multer, violin and leader

Mozart: Symphony No. 39
Vivaldi: The Four Seasons

Sat, Apr 5, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

Pictures at an Exhibition
FEATURING STEFAN JACKIW FOR KORNGOLD'S VIOLIN CONCERTO

Michael Francis, conductor
Stefan Jackiw, violin

Hindemith: Mathis der Maler Symphony
Korngold: Violin Concerto
Mussorgsky/Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition

Sat, Apr 26, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Apr 27, 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall

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Copland's Symphony No. 3
FEATURING GERSHWIN'S PIANO CONCERTO

Michael Francis, conductor
Tzimon Barto, piano

Tower: Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman
Gershwin: Piano Concerto
Copland: Symphony No. 3

Fri, May 9, 8 pm, Straz Center, Morsani | Sat, May 10, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

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Mahler's Symphony No. 3
FEATURING THE MASTER CHORALE OF TAMPA BAY

Michael Francis, conductor
Susan Platts, mezzo-soprano
Women of The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay
Lumina Youth Choirs

Mahler: Symphony No. 3

Sat, May 24, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, May 25, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

Raymond James Pops Series

The best of popular, film, Broadway and jazz music powered by your Florida Orchestra.

Country Hits: Songs from Nashville
Bob Bernhardt, conductor
Celebrate everything America loves about country music past and present. Featuring the greatest hits from legendary stars Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash to the biggest stars of today, such as Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw, The Chicks and Kacey Musgraves.
Sat, Sept 28, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee | Sat, Sept 28, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

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Bette, Babs and Beyond

Chelsea Gallo, conductor

A tribute to the iconic women who paved the way in music, from Broadway to rock and beyond. Featuring the music of Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin, Dolly Parton and more, including Grammy and Oscar-winning hits such as *Wind Beneath My Wings*, *I Will Survive*, *Don't Rain on my Parade* and *The Way We Were*.

Sat, Oct 12, 8 pm, Straz Center, Ferguson | Sun, Oct 13, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

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Music of the Knights

Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John, Paul McCartney

Chelsea Gallo, conductor

Music royalty Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney are three of the most successful songwriters of all time with careers that span decades. TFO honors their enduring musical influence with songs such as *Memory*, *Don't Cry for Me*, *Argentina*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Can You Feel the Love Tonight*, *Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me*, *Yesterday*, *Hey Jude* and many more.

Sat, Nov 16, 2 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee | Sat, Nov 16, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

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Holiday Pops

Chelsea Gallo, conductor

The greatest holiday tradition in Tampa Bay! There's no place like The Florida Orchestra for all your classic favorites, performed by your world-class TFO musicians. It's a jolly good time for the whole family.

Fri, Dec 20, 8 pm, Straz Center, Ferguson

Sat, Dec 21, 2 pm & 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater Matinee

Sun, Dec 22, 2 pm & 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall Matinee

Dancing in the Street

Jeff Tyzik, conductor

The magic of Motown! Former TFO conductor Jeff Tyzik returns to conduct smash hits from artists such as Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, The Temptations and Stevie Wonder. Featuring St. Petersburg native and *American Idol star* Michael Lynche. Songs include *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, *Dancing In The Street*, *I Heard it Through The Grapevine*, *My Girl* and more.

Fri, Jan 17, 8 pm, Straz Center, Ferguson | Sun, Jan 19, 2 pm, Straz Center, Ferguson Matinee

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Pretty Woman to Hunger Games

James Newton Howard Conducts His Greatest Hits

James Newton Howard, conductor

Famed film composer James Newton Howard himself takes you on a musical journey through his most captivating and iconic scores. Experience the magic of the cinema through your favorite themes from *Hunger Games*, *Pretty Woman*, *Dark Knight*, *Fantastic Beasts*, *Snow White*, *Peter Pan*, *Maleficent* and more.

Fri, Feb 14, 8 pm, Straz Center, Ferguson | Sat, Feb 15, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater

Blockbuster Broadway
TBA, conductor
The ultimate showstoppers from Broadway blockbusters. Spend an evening with songs from *Wicked*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Sound of Music*, *Lion King*, *Annie*, *Jersey Boys*, *Chicago*, *CATS*, *A Chorus Line* and more performed by some of Broadway's top vocalists.
Sat, Mar 22, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, Mar 23, 2 pm, Straz Center, Morsani Matinee

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Simply The Best: The Music of Tina Turner
Chelsea Gallo, conductor
Music icon and legendary survivor Tina Turner provided the soundtrack of a generation while her story inspired hearts and minds around the world. Celebrate her legacy with her biggest hits, including *What's Love Got to Do With It?*, *Proud Mary* and more.
Fri, May 16, 8 pm, Straz | Sat, May 17, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater | Sun, May 18, 7:30 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall

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Ragtime, Blues & All That Jazz
Byron Stripling, conductor
In this tour de force concert, Byron Stripling showcases ragtime masters Scott Joplin and Jelly Roll Morton plus blues legends B.B. King and Muddy Waters. With humorous vignettes and a finale that closes with an unforgettable full-throttle jam session, this is one of Byron Stripling's signature shows. Featuring keyboardist Bobby Floyd of the Ray Charles, Dr. John and Count Basie Bands.
Fri, May 30, 8 pm, Straz Center, Morsani

Morning Matinees Series

Presented by the Helen Torres Foundation

Our casual morning concert series is back with a fresh face and new experiences. Join **TFO Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo** as she takes you on a journey into your favorite music. Choose from two premier concert halls and start your day with good friends at The Florida Orchestra.
NEW! Featuring TFO musicians as soloists

For the Love of Italy
Chelsea Gallo, conductor
Natalie Hoe, clarinet
Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 4*, "Italian," Verdi/Lovreglio's *Fantasy on a Theme from La Traviata* for clarinet, and more.
Wed, Oct 9, 11 am, Ruth Eckerd Hall | Thur, Oct 10, 11 am, Mahaffey Theater

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Expect the Unexpected
Chelsea Gallo, conductor
Natalie Yu, violin
Haydn's *Symphony No. 45*, "Farewell," Wieniawski's *Fantasia on Themes from Gounod's Faust* for violin, and more.
Wed, Nov 6, 11 am, Ruth Eckerd Hall | Thur, Nov 7, 11 am, Mahaffey Theater

Latin Flair
Chelsea Gallo, conductor
Ross Holcombe, trombone
De Falla's *Three-Cornered Hat Suites*, Rimsky-Korsakov's *Trombone Concerto* and more.
Wed, Jan 15, 11 am, Ruth Eckerd Hall

Love … It's Complicated
Lawrence Loh, conductor
Victor Minke Huls, cello
Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture*, Saint-Saens' *Cello Concerto No. 1* and more.
Thur, Feb 13, 11 am, Mahaffey Theater

Beautiful Bohemia
Sameer Patel, conductor
Lucas Guideri, violin
Smetana's *Ma Vlast: Vltava (The Moldau)*, Dvorak's *Romance for Violin* and more.
Wed, Mar 19, 11 am, Ruth Eckerd Hall | Thur, Mar 20, 11 am, Mahaffey Theater

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The French Revelation
Lawrence Loh, conductor
Ansel Norris, trumpet
Mozart's *Symphony No. 31*, "Paris," Aleksandr Grigori Arutiunian's *Trumpet Concerto* and more.
Wed, Apr 30, 11 am, Ruth Eckerd Hall | Thur, May 1, 11 am, Mahaffey Theater