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'WICKED' STAR CYNTHIA ERIVO TO PERFORM WITH THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA MAY 2 & 3, 2025

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – Fresh from her Oscar nomination for Best Actress in the blockbuster film *Wicked*, multi-award-winning artist Cynthia Erivo will join The Florida Orchestra and Music Director Michael Francis for two special concerts, the orchestra announced today. Performances are May 2, 2025 at 8 pm at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg and May 3 at 8 pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. Tickets go on sale exclusively to TFO subscribers Feb. 19, and the general public Feb. 25, for both concerts.

Known for her powerhouse performances, Cynthia Erivo is up for an Academy Award® for her gravity-defying portrayal of Elphaba in the musical film *Wicked*, which has received 10 Oscar nominations. Erivo has won Tony® and Grammy® Awards for her Broadway debut role as Celie in *The Color Purple*, and a Daytime Emmy® Award. That puts her in the running to be the youngest-ever winner of a rare EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony). Since she made her screen debut in 2018, Erivo has been nominated for three Oscars and four Golden Globe Awards.

Cynthia Erivo with The Florida Orchestra features the global star of stage and screen in an evening of unparalleled artistry as she gives voice to music made famous by the greatest female singers of all time. Michael Francis conducts both nights of extraordinary performances.

Tickets for reserved seats go on sale first to Florida Orchestra subscribers and top donors at 10 am Wednesday, Feb. 19, then to the general public at 10 am Tuesday, Feb. 25 at FloridaOrchestra.org; by phone at 727.892.3337; or in person at TFO's Ticket Center, 244 Second Ave. N (first floor) in downtown St. Petersburg.

Cynthia Erivo with The Florida Orchestra
Michael Francis, conductor
Cynthia Erivo, vocalist
Fri, May 2, 2025, 8 pm, Mahaffey Theater
Sat, May 3, 2025, 8 pm, Ruth Eckerd Hall

About Cynthia Erivo
Cynthia Erivo is a Grammy®, Emmy® and Tony® Award-winning British actor, singer, author and producer, as well as a Golden Globe®, SAG and three-time Academy Award® nominee. Since bursting onto the West End and Broadway stages in *The Color Purple*, she has taken the world by storm. Erivo stars as Elphaba opposite Ariana Grande's Glinda in Universal's record-breaking film adaptation of the hit musical *Wicked* from director Jon M. Chu. Part 1 of *Wicked* was released on Nov. 22, 2024, with Part 2 scheduled for release on Nov. 21, 2025.

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.

The Florida Orchestra's mission is to Inspire | Educate | Unite to build community through the power of music. TFO will perform more than 100 concerts in its 57th season in venues throughout Tampa Bay, including a wide range of classical, popular, film and family-friendly music. Through concerts and education/community programs combined, TFO serves more than 155,000 residents each season as the largest professional orchestra in the state.

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