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TICKETS FOR THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA FEATURING AUDRA McDONALD GO ON SALE TO PUBLIC OCT. 14

Tickets on sale now exclusively to orchestra subscribers.

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – Reserved seat tickets go on sale to the general public at 10 am Oct. 14 for The Florida Orchestra's gala benefit concert featuring six-time Tony Award winner Audra McDonald. "An Evening with Audra McDonald," conducted by Music Director Michael Francis, comes to the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa on Feb. 28, 2026, at 8 pm. Tickets are available now exclusively to TFO subscribers and top donors.

Tickets for An Evening with Audra McDonald are available only through The Florida Orchestra: online 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.

With a velvet voice and a presence that lights up every room, Audra McDonald will bring Broadway classics and contemporary gems to life with The Florida Orchestra. Equally beloved onstage and onscreen, she has won a record-breaking six Tony Awards, two Grammy Awards and an Emmy. She has dazzled audiences in iconic roles from *Porgy and Bess* to *Ragtime* onstage and earned critical acclaim for her powerful performances in *The Good Fight* and *The Gilded Age* on TV. For more on Audra McDonald, click here.

The night is TFO's signature fundraising event of the year. VIP and sponsorships are limited availability on a first reserved basis. They offer a unique opportunity to celebrate the arts in grand style and include premium concert seating, pre-concert reception and a seated dinner at the nearby Tampa Museum of Art. For information, contact Susana Weymouth at sweymouth@floridaorchestra.org (727.362.5430) or Carla Corvo at ccorvo@floridaorchestra.org (727.362.5424).

Proceeds from the one-night-only special event power the heart of TFO's mission to inspire, educate and unite our community. The non-profit orchestra's bold artistic initiatives and impactful free education and community programs uplift thousands across Tampa Bay through the joy of music. TFO will perform more than 100 concerts this season in venues throughout Tampa Bay, including a wide range of classical, popular and family-friendly music. Click here for full concert calendar.

About The Florida Orchestra

The Florida Orchestra's mission is to INSPIRE | EDUCATE | UNITE to build community through the power of music. Celebrating our 58th season in 2025-26, The Florida Orchestra is the largest professional orchestra in the state and the only arts organization that bridges the bay. TFO employs 70 full-time professional musicians and conductors, under the artistic leadership of internationally acclaimed Music Director Michael Francis. Each season, the orchestra performs more than 100 concerts in venues throughout Tampa Bay, including a wide range of classical, popular, film and family-friendly music, as well as performances with global stars such as Wicked star Cynthia Erivo. Beyond the concert halls, TFO programs bring the transformative power of music to schools, youth and senior centers, to underserved areas and to those who would not have such opportunities otherwise. Through concerts and education/community programs combined, TFO serves more than 150,000 residents each year – nearly half through

free or low-cost programs. We put instruments in the hands of children, offer inspiration and joy to all ages and stages, comfort for those who most need it, and bring our community together. For tickets and information: FloridaOrchestra.org. The Florida Orchestra is a non-profit 501(c)3 EIN: 59-1223691 CH#1830. To learn more about how you can support the power of music in building community, contact: sweymouth@floridaorchestra.org To donate now: FloridaOrchestra.org/donate