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THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA'S BIGGEST CONCERT OF THE YEAR – POPS IN THE PARK – RETURNS TO VINOY PARK

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The FREE Florida Orchestra concert that thousands look forward to every fall is here. Join us for **Raymond James Pops in the Park** on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 pm in Vinoy Park along St. Petersburg's beautiful waterfront.

Resident Conductor Chelsea Gallo leads the orchestra for a magical night of music under the stars with:

- Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*
- John Williams' music from *Jaws*
- *Armed Forces Salute*
- Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*
- *Be the Thunder* Tampa Bay Lightning theme song
- Patriotic finale and much more

Pack your picnic basket, grab a cozy blanket and rally your crew to join one of the biggest community traditions in Tampa Bay. Whether you want to impress a date or spend quality time with the whole family, **Pops in the Park** provides the perfect soundtrack. Vendors from the Gulf to Bay Food Truck Association and Munchies Kettle Korn will be onsite.

This concert is generously sponsored by Raymond James Financial.

Join us for family and community activities starting at 5 pm
We're proud to partner with these local organizations:

Food drive
Bring non-perishable food items to support **Metropolitan Ministries'** work in our community.

Family activities
Enjoy hands-on fun with activity tables hosted by **Tampa Bay Watch** and **Dalí Museum**.

Local live performances
Experience the sounds of our community with music by the **St. Petersburg Community Band** and add your voice to **The Master Chorale of Tampa Bay's Big Sing**.

Come together, give back and enjoy the day with your Florida Orchestra.
See you in the park!

Raymond James Pops in the Park
Chelsea Gallo, conductor
Sat, Oct 25, 7 pm, Vinoy Park
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For details: FloridaOrchestra.org

Put these free park concerts on your radar for the spring:
Raymond James Pops in the Park
Sun, May 10, 7:30 pm – Mother's Day!
Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park, Tampa
Free

Symphony by the Sea
Fri, May 8, 7:30 pm
The BayCare Sound at Coachman Park, Clearwater
Free

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