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THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES LARGEST SINGLE DONATION EVER WITH $10 MILLION GIFT

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra is proud to announce a milestone $10 million gift – the largest single donation given at one time in the orchestra's 58-year history. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made an extraordinary investment in the orchestra as a cultural cornerstone of the Tampa Bay community.

"This transformative gift reflects the deep commitment and passion within our community for The Florida Orchestra. We are profoundly grateful," said TFO President & CEO Ignacio Barrón Viela. "The donor's immense generosity amplifies a powerful message of confidence and trust in the impact we have on lives every day throughout Tampa Bay. We invite everyone to be part of this meaningful journey. Every gift, every concert ticket, every moment of support helps TFO grow and serve our community in the way that it deserves — in the concert hall, classroom and beyond."

The gift is intended to help grow the non-profit orchestra's endowment and provide year-over-year support. The endowment helps to sustain TFO's financial future and ensures it can continue to serve generations to come.

"On behalf of myself and the musicians of The Florida Orchestra, we are immensely grateful to our anonymous donor," said Music Director Michael Francis. "A gift of this magnitude sends an indelible message — not only affirming the orchestra's exceptional quality, but also demonstrating confidence in our vibrant vision to transform lives across Tampa Bay through the power of music. Thank you for this powerful affirmation of the orchestra's unique value to our beloved community."

Each season, The Florida Orchestra performs more than 100 concerts, bringing world-class music to audiences in a wide range of styles, from classical masterpieces and film scores to popular music, family-friendly programs and performances with global stars. Through concerts and innovative education/community programs combined, TFO serves more than 150,000 residents annually, nearly half through free or low-cost programs.

The Florida Orchestra's mission is to Inspire | Educate | Unite through the power of music. Deeply rooted in Tampa Bay for 58 years, The Florida Orchestra is the largest professional orchestra in the state, with 70 full-time musicians and conductors, under the artistic leadership of Maestro Francis.

"We're excited to celebrate this milestone gift with our community," said Barrón Viela, who took over as orchestra CEO in August 2023. "The Florida Orchestra belongs to everyone in Tampa Bay. Every concert is a celebration of how music brings us together. We invite you to join us."

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. 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