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THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA ADDS SOUNDWAVES CHAMBER CONCERTS AT USF ST. PETE CAMPUS

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra today announced the expansion of its intimate **Soundwaves Chamber Orchestra** series to the University of South Florida's St. Petersburg campus. These performances join those already scheduled at USF Tampa, Church of the Ascension in Clearwater and the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg.

The addition of two USF St. Pete concerts further broadens TFO's commitment to offering meaningful, immersive performances that engage students, faculty and the wider community. The series complements the recently announced partnership between TFO and the USF College of Design, Art & Performance.

First in the series is **Holiday Brass on Dec. 6 & 7**, celebrating the season with TFO's world-class brass and percussion sections at the USF St. Pete Student Center Ballroom and Church of the Ascension. The concerts are conducted by Ross Holcombe, also TFO's associate principal trombone. The second USF St. Pete performance will be **El Amor Brujo on Feb. 1**.

Tickets: Available 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. The series is generously sponsored by Rick and Amy Smith. Details of the series are:

Holiday Brass

Ross Holcombe, conductor
Celebrate the season with the bold, brilliant sounds of our world-class brass and percussion sections, bringing the back of the orchestra front and center. From the power of *Russian Christmas Music* to the joy of *Sleigh Ride* and the beauty of *Wexford Carol*, this concert is a crescendo of holiday cheer.
Sat, Dec 6, 7:30 pm, Church of the Ascension
Sun, Dec 7, 2 pm, USF St. Pete Student Center Ballroom

El Amor Brujo

Chelsea Gallo, conductor
Michael Francis, narrator
Enter the fiery passion of Manuel de Falla's ballet *El Amor Brujo (Love, The Sorcerer)*, a spellbinding Spanish masterpiece brought to life by a vocalist and dancers that embody the spirit of flamenco. With captivating narration by Music Director Michael Francis. The program also features music by movie mastermind Danny Elfman, with his whimsical yet dark *Suite for Chamber Orchestra*, along with Piazzolla's sultry *Libertango*.
Fri, Jan 30, 7:30 pm, Church of the Ascension
Sat, Jan 31, 7:30 pm, Peter and Cynthia Zinober Concert Hall at USF, Tampa
Sun, Feb 1, 2 pm, USF St. Pete Student Center Ballroom

Four Seasons of Buenos Aires & Bach

Jeffrey Multer, leader and violin
Yefim Romanov, violin
Astor Piazzolla's *Four Seasons of Buenos Aires* is a sensual, cinematic work set to the heartbeat of Buenos Aires,

showcasing Piazzolla's revolutionary style of fiery rhythms and haunting melodies. The program also features two timeless classics by Bach, *Brandenburg Concerto No. 3* and *Suite No. 1*, along with Golijov's *Last Round*.
Fri, Apr 24, 7:30 pm, Church of the Ascension, Clearwater
Sat, Apr 25, 7:30 pm, Peter and Cynthia Zinober Concert Hall at USF, Tampa
Sun, Apr 26, 2 pm, Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg

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