

A STAR TO REMEMBER



**THE FLORIDA
ORCHESTRA**
Michael Francis, Music Director

2026-27 FAMILY GUIDE

Dear TFO Families,

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Florida Orchestra's Family Concert *A Star to Remember!* Prepare for the adventure using this guide!

This guide has what you need to help your young ones explore the repertoire and composers before AND after the concert. Explore the presentations in this guide with your families and see what activities you can try at home!

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We hope you and your family enjoy the performance. We can't wait to see you in the concert hall!

Sincerely,

The TFO Education and Community Impact Team

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Music You Will Hear on the Concert



“Flying Theme” from E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial by John Williams

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“Remember Me” from *Coco*

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***The Moldau* by Bedrich Smetana**

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“Dance of the Tumblers” from *The Snow Maiden* by Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov

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***Hungarian Dance No. 1* by Johannes Brahms**

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***Starburst* by Jessie Montgomery**

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“Mestizo Waltz” from *Three Latin American Dances* by Gabriela Lena Frank

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“Count on Me” by Bruno Mars

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Tips for a Great Concert Experience

Thank you for your help in developing our active listeners!

Here are a few reminders and suggestions:



- **Silence your devices.** No flash photography is allowed at the concert. Cell phones, watch alarms, or anything else that makes noise should be turned to silent.
- **Get settled early.** Arrive in enough time to use the restroom before the concert. Watch the orchestra get settled and warm up on stage. Listen to the concertmaster (the principal first violin) tune the orchestra. The lights will dim when the performance is about to begin.
- **Listen quietly and carefully.** Use your eyes to watch the conductor and how the musicians make music together. Try to figure out what the conductor is trying to tell the musicians with their hands and their gestures. Use your ears to hear how the instruments work together or fight against each other.
- **Applaud!** When the concertmaster or conductor enters the stage, after each piece, and at the end of the concert, the audience claps to say “thank you” for the performance. The conductor bows and/or invites the musicians to stand up and turn toward the audiences to say “you’re welcome” and “thank you for listening.” If you really like what you heard, you can shout “BRAVO!,” which means “GREAT JOB!” in Italian.



- **Talk to others about the concert.** What did you like? What was exciting? How did the music make you feel? Everyone has different feelings about a piece of music — you won’t always like the same things or feel the same way as others who heard the performance, which is part of what makes it so fun.



Watch this video made by Blake High School
with your family!

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Enjoying ANY
LIVE Performance**

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