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concerts through end of season in May



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*Full schedule includes Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.*

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**PHASE 3 CONCERTS:** Concert schedule listed below, subject to change

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ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The Florida Orchestra today announced a full schedule of concerts for the third and final phase of its reimagined 2020/21 season running mid-February through May. After a successful return to the stage in October, the orchestra will continue to offer concerts for a live audience ranging from Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto* to Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* exclusively at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg following CDC guidelines for health and safety. TFO also will continue to offer live-stream and on-demand video for free so everyone has access to the music during the pandemic.

"As many orchestras remain dark during the pandemic, The Florida Orchestra is doing what once seemed impossible: performing live concerts safely at the Mahaffey Theater," said TFO President & CEO Mark Cantrell. "Months ago, we could not have anticipated just how powerful and moving this season would be. In an uncertain world, this music has anchored us with comfort and hope, and we are proud to bring our community together for the final phase of our reimagined 2020/21 season."

Under the leadership of Music Director Michael Francis, highlights of the premier Tampa Bay Times Masterworks series include **Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with Jeffrey Multer, Dvorak's New World Symphony with guest conductor Thomas Wilkins, a Beethoven & Haydn concert with TFO's Robert Smith on trumpet**, and a special concert for these tumultuous times themed **Serenity**. Two Masterworks: Soundwaves concerts – a silver lining of splitting the orchestra into smaller ensembles for safety – will feature **Mozart's Horn Concerto with TFO's David Smith** and **Mozart's Gran Partita**. Highlights of the Raymond James Pops series include **Broadway Sings, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue performed by Stuart Malina**, and **Dan Black & The (TFO) Brass Cats**, led by TFO Resident Conductor Daniel Black. The morning Coffee series will explore music by Beethoven, Mozart, Prokofiev and more.

All health and safety measures will continue for Phase 3 concerts, including mandatory face masks that cover the nose and mouth, spaced seating in pairs, extensive testing for musicians and frequent sanitizing of equipment and seats. Concerts will be shorter with no intermission only at The Duke Energy

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Center for the Arts/Mahaffey Theater with 25 percent capacity. (For safety video and details, [click here.](#)) The protocols developed in conjunction with the Mahaffey Theater have worked so well that TFO believes this is the best way to provide maximum safety during the pandemic.

For full flexibility, the orchestra has announced its 53<sup>rd</sup> season in three phases. Since the third and final phase will continue limited seating for the safety of patrons, TFO will accommodate season ticketholders first. **Remaining tickets will go on sale Feb. 3, 2021.**

**Free live-streaming concerts**

From the safety of home, anyone can watch select concerts via live stream or on demand. It's free and easy to register; see our guide at [FloridaOrchestra.org/livestreams](http://FloridaOrchestra.org/livestreams). So far, about 16,000 screens across the country have tuned in for concerts. To support this new service, TFO is encouraging donations so we can continue to offer digital concerts with no barriers during the pandemic and beyond. For Phase 3, these concerts will be available for viewing on any device.

- \* **Serenity:** Sat, Mar 13, 8 pm
- \* **Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with Jeffrey Multer:** Sat, Apr 10, 8 pm
- \* **Dvorak's New World Symphony:** Sat, May 1, 8 pm
- \* **Beethoven's Emperor Concerto:** Sat, May 29, 8 pm

**The Florida Orchestra Reimagined 2020/21 Season  
Phase 3 Concerts February through May**

All concerts at the **MAHAFFEY THEATER** in St. Petersburg. All concerts subject to change.

RAYMOND JAMES POPS

**Broadway Sings**

[Stuart Malina](#), conductor

[Debbie Gravitte](#), vocalist

Tony Award winner Debbie Gravitte takes center stage for beloved classics from Rodgers & Hammerstein, Sondheim, and more. Features *Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered, Surrey with the Fringe on Top* and selections from *Chicago*.

**Sat, Feb 13, 2 pm**

**Sat, Feb 13, 8 pm**

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TAMPA BAY TIMES MASTERWORKS

**Music of Handel, Vivaldi & Mozart**

[Jeannette Sorrell](#), conductor & harpsichord

[Amanda Forsythe](#), vocalist

**Telemann:** Overture Burlesque

**Handel:** Da Tempeste

**Vivaldi:** Siam Navi

**Mozart:** Ruhe Sanft

**Mozart:** Symphony No. 33

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Sat, Feb 20, 2 pm

Sat, Feb 20, 8 pm

Part of St. Petersburg's Celebration of the Arts

MASTERWORKS: SOUNDWAVES

**Mozart's Horn Concerto**

[Daniel Black](#), conductor

David Smith, horn

**Alberto Ginastera:** Variaciones Concertantes

**Mozart:** Horn Concerto No. 3

**Prokofiev:** Symphony No. 1

Sat, Feb 20, 5 pm

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COFFEE CONCERT

**Beethoven Birthday Bash**

[Stuart Malina](#), conductor

Marco Jimenez, piano

Justine LeBaron Young Artist Competition Winner 2019

Celebrate 250 years of the great composer with an all-Beethoven program, including his *Symphony No. 4* and more. **Note:** We are not able to serve our usual coffee and doughnuts at this time.

Thu, Feb 25, 11 am

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RAYMOND JAMES POPS

**Dan Black & The (TFO) Brass Cats**

[Daniel Black](#), conductor

The unparalleled brass and percussion of The Florida Orchestra take you from the dance hall to the cinema, with favorites from the Golden Age of Swing, *Star Wars*, The Beatles and more.

Sat, Feb 27, 2 pm

Sat, Feb 27, 8 pm

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**Serenity**

[Michael Francis](#), conductor

[Ahmed Alabaca](#): Across the Calm Waters of Heaven – A Piece for Peace

**Tomaso Albinoni:** Concert for Oboe No. 2

[Max Richter](#): On the Nature of Daylight

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**Vaughan Williams:** Variations on a Theme by Thomas Tallis  
**Barber:** Adagio for Strings

Sat, Mar 13, 2 pm

Sat, Mar 13, 8 pm **OR Free Live Stream at [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)**

Sun, Mar 14, 2 pm

MASTERWORKS: SOUNDWAVES

**Mozart's Gran Partita**

Mozart's *Serenade No. 10* for winds is one of the most beautiful and poignant in all classical music.

Sat, Mar 13, 5 pm

Sun, Mar 14, 5 pm

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TAMPA BAY TIMES MASTERWORKS

**Beethoven & Haydn**

Featuring Robert Smith on Trumpet

[Daniel Black](#), conductor

[Robert Smith](#), trumpet

**Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel:** Overture

**Ravel:** Le Tombeau Couperin

**Haydn:** Trumpet Concerto

**Beethoven:** Symphony No. 1

Sat, Mar 20, 2 pm

Sat, Mar 20, 8 pm

Sun, Mar 21, 2 pm

MASTERWORKS: SOUNDWAVES

**TFO Percussion**

TFO percussionists present music from contemporary American composers in a kaleidoscope of sounds at this special concert.

Sat, Mar 20, 5 pm

Sun, Mar 21, 5 pm

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COFFEE CONCERT

**French Connection**

[Stuart Malina](#), conductor

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A *fantastique* concert with Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*, Debussy's *Petite Suite*, Offenbach's *Can-Can* from *Orpheus in the Underworld* and more. **Note:** We are not able to serve coffee and doughnuts at this time.

**Thu, Mar 25, 11 am**

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TAMPA BAY TIMES MASTERWORKS

**Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto**

Featuring Jeffrey Multer

[Michael Francis](#), conductor

[Jeffrey Multer](#), violin

**Florence B. Price** (arrg. Still): Dances in the Canebrakes

**Mendelssohn:** Violin Concerto

**Rachmaninoff:** Variations on a Theme of Corelli

**Sat, Apr 10, 2 pm**

**Sat, Apr 10, 8 pm OR Free Live Stream at [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)**

**Sun, Apr 11, 2 pm**

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COFFEE CONCERT

**Mozart & Beethoven**

[Stuart Malina](#), conductor

Stuart Malina taps into the dark power of Beethoven's *Coriolan Overture*, Mozart's *Symphony No. 40* and Faure's *Pelleas et Melisande*. **Note:** We are not able to serve coffee and doughnuts at this time.

**Wed, Apr 14, 11 am**

**Thu, Apr 15, 11 am**

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RAYMOND JAMES POPS

**Fly Me to the Moon**

[Daniel Black](#), conductor

[Charles Lazarus](#), trumpet

[Tonia Hughes](#), vocalist

Trumpeter Charles Lazarus and The Florida Orchestra swing through imaginative arrangements of jazz standards and big band classics such as *Embraceable You*, *It Don't Mean a Thing* and, of course, *Fly Me to the Moon*.

**Sat, Apr 17, 2 pm**

**Sat, Apr 17, 8 pm**

**Sun, Apr 18, 2 pm**

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**Dvorak's New World Symphony**

[Thomas Wilkins](#), conductor

**Samuel Coleridge-Taylor:** Hiawatha Ballet Suite  
**Dvorak:** Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"

Sat, May 1, 2 pm

Sat, May 1, 8 pm **OR Free Live Stream at [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)**

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COFFEE CONCERT

**Classics Go Retro**

[Stuart Malina](#), conductor

Great composers inspired by musical styles from 300 years ago, including Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 1*, Grieg's *Holberg Suite* and Respighi's *The Birds*. **Note:** We are not able to serve coffee and doughnuts at this time.

Wed, May 5, 11 am

Thu, May 6, 11 am

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RAYMOND JAMES POPS

**Rhapsody in Blue**

[Stuart Malina](#), conductor & pianist

Principal Guest Conductor Stuart Malina is sure to dazzle leading the orchestra from the keyboard in Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. Everything you love about Gershwin in one concert, including Broadway songs.

Sat, May 22, 2 pm

Sat, May 22, 8 pm

Sun, May 23, 2 pm

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TAMPA BAY TIMES MASTERWORKS

**Beethoven's Emperor Concerto**

[Michael Francis](#), conductor

**Mendelssohn:** Symphony No. 3, "Scottish"

**Beethoven:** Piano Concerto No. 5, "Emperor"

Sat, May 29, 2 pm

Sat, May 29, 8 pm **OR Free Live Stream at [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)**

Sun, May 30, 2 pm

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### [About Music Director Michael Francis](#)

Michael Francis has quickly established himself as one of the leading international conductors of today. This is his sixth season leading TFO.

### [About Stuart Malina](#)

Principal Guest Conductor and Tony award winner Stuart Malina leads the orchestra in our popular morning Coffee Concerts and more.

### [About Daniel Black](#)

Resident Conductor Daniel Black appears on TFO's Masterworks, Coffee concerts and Pops series, as well as the new Soundwaves series, Youth Concerts and more.

### [About The Florida Orchestra](#)

*The Florida Orchestra (TFO) is recognized as Tampa Bay's leading performing arts institution, the largest professional orchestra in Florida, and one of the most vibrant and innovative orchestras in America. For its 53<sup>rd</sup> season, the orchestra is proud to introduce free live-streaming video of select concerts so everyone has access to the music. Under the leadership of Music Director Michael Francis, TFO performs series of classical, popular, and morning coffee concerts in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater, as well as free Pops in the Park concerts. The orchestra is dedicated to connecting to the community both in-person and virtually, with TFO at Home, family and youth concerts and other educational programs. For tickets and information: [FloridaOrchestra.org](http://FloridaOrchestra.org)*

### **Covid-19 Warning**

*An inherent risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus/Covid-19 exists in any public place where people are present. Covid-19 is a highly contagious disease that may result in personal injury, severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and persons with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. Please visit the CDC's website for its current guidance on people at increased risk for severe illness and other people who should take extra precautions. By attending a performance of The Florida Orchestra, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to Covid-19. Please help keep each other safe.*