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ST PETERSBURG -- Furloughed government workers can get free tickets to this weekend's Florida Orchestra concerts featuring Schubert's *Symphony No. 9, "The Great,"* in Tampa and St. Petersburg while supplies last.

Furloughed employees affected by the government shutdown can come to the TFO will call window starting 90 minutes before each performance, present a valid government ID and receive up to four complimentary tickets, depending on availability.

Concerts are at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa on Friday, Jan 18, at 8 pm; Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg on Saturday, Jan 19, at 8 pm; and again at the Mahaffey on Sunday, Jan 20, for a 2 pm matinee. The pre-concert talk, included with each ticket, starts 1 hour before the performance.

This weekend is the return of Joshua Weilerstein to conduct Schubert's *Symphony No. 9, "The Great,"* as well as rock star cellist Joshua Roman on Bates' *Cello Concerto* and Still's *Poem for Orchestra*. Free tickets for kids and teens in advance to this and all Tampa Bay Times Masterworks concerts.

Today on the TFO Blog: Joshua Roman performs the Bates *Cello Concerto*, written just for him. What's it like to work with a composer who's alive? [Click here](#)

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