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The Cleveland Orchestra presents Herbie Hancock at Severance Music Center



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CLEVELAND — Grammy Award–winning composer and jazz musician [Herbie Hancock](#) will perform at Severance Music Center on November 4.

Now in the seventh decade of his professional life, Hancock remains where he has always been: at the forefront of world culture, technology, business, and music. He has been an integral part of every popular music movement since the 1960s.

As a member of the Miles Davis Quintet that pioneered a groundbreaking sound in jazz, he also developed new approaches on his own recordings, followed by his work in the 70s — with record-breaking albums such as *Head Hunters* — that combined electric jazz with funk and rock in an innovative style that continues to influence contemporary music. *Rockit* and *Future Shock* marked Hancock’s foray into electronic dance sounds. During the same period, he also continued to work in an acoustic setting with V.S.O.P.

Hancock received an Academy Award for his *Round Midnight* film score, 14 Grammy Awards, including Album of The Year for *River: The Joni Letters*, and two 2011 Grammy Awards for the globally collaborative CD, *The Imagine Project*.

Hancock serves as Creative Chair for Jazz for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association and as Institute Chairman of the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz. In 2011, Hancock was named a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, and in December 2013, received a Kennedy Center Honor.

His memoir, *Herbie Hancock: Possibilities*, was published by Viking in 2014, and in February 2016, he was awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Hancock is currently in the studio at work on a new album.

Ticket Information

Presale tickets are available starting April 3 at 10 a.m. Tickets go on sale to the general public on April 4 at 10 a.m. through the Severance Music Center Ticket Office by calling 216-231-1111 or visiting clevelandorchestra.com.

Calendar listing

Herbie Hancock

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Severance Music Center

All programs, artists, and prices are subject to change.

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