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Sought-after jazz flutist and superstar Elena Pinderhughes releases single “a rose in bloom”

Debut Album “i hope you feel it too” Out October 23, 2026

Highly Sought-After Flutist Has Collaborated with Herbie Hancock, Metro Boomin, Chief Adjuah, Future, Robert Glasper, Common, Victoria Monét, Giveon and more

“The most exciting and creatively assured jazz flutist to have emerged in years.” - The Guardian

October 19, 2026: Today, flutist, composer, and vocalist **Elena Pinderhughes** released “a rose in bloom,” the newest single from her upcoming debut album i hope you feel it too (out October 23). Known as one of the most sought after collaborators across genres, the album marks the multi-dimensional musician stepping into the spotlight. On “a rose in bloom,” Pinderhughes offers an intimate glimpse of her singing, her voice moving alongside her flute as another instrument.

“I think there’s something really beautiful about the kind of love that makes you feel safe enough to slow down and just be yourself,” says Elena. “Whether that’s love you give yourself or love you receive from someone else, I believe the right kind of love allows us to bloom. We become softer, more open, and more comfortable in who we are. That’s the feeling I was experiencing when we made ‘a rose in bloom,’ and I wanted the song to hold onto that warmth. Something intimate and peaceful that



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brings you back to yourself and reminds you how beautiful the simple moments in life can be.” Rooted in jazz with the warmth of R&B and neo-soul, “a rose in bloom” follows Elena’s recently released singles as “ring ring” and “life goes on (feat. Immanuel Wilkins),” which were covered by Vibe, Essence, Ones to Watch, and more. In addition to Wilkins, frequent collaborator Chief Ad-

juah and her brother Samora Pinderhughes appear on i hope you feel it too. Pinderhughes’ debut full-length album follows a decade of being one of the most sought-after collaborators across genres, having

toured with Herbie Hancock, performed at Coachella with Future and Metro Boomin, and appeared on recordings by Giveon, Victoria Monét, Ambrose Akinmusire, Robert Glasper, Esperanza Spalding, Common,

Terrace Martin, and many more. Having played in ensembles on NPR’s Tiny Desk four times, she has amassed 40M+ streams on the music of her collaborators,

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Burnside named American Conf. Weekly Conference Mentions

IRVING, Texas, October 19, 2026 – University of Memphis wide receiver Stonka Burnside was named to the American Conference’s Weekly Honorable Mentions list, the conference announced Monday morning.

Burnside, a native of Starkville, Mississippi, had a career night against Tulane on Friday, catching seven passes for 151 yards and a touchdown. His 151 receiving yards sit just outside of the top 30 in single-game receiving yards by an FBS player this season and are the second most by a Tiger this year, only behind Hunter Tipton’s 229 against Boise State.

On the season, the redshirt sophomore has 18 catches for 341 yards and three touchdowns, all marks that lead the wide receiving group and sit second on the team in overall stats.

Single-game tickets can be purchased online or by calling the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331. For group tickets and experiences, please contact the Memphis Ticket Office at (901) 678-2331.

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Tulsa unveils Jim Halsey Way to honor legendary manager of Oak Ridge Boys... from sports-Ent. 6



Jim Halsey

Tulsa music legend Leon Russell, whose Church Studio, just a few miles from the new street, helped establish Tulsa as a major center of American music.

Halsey is credited with being one of the first to present country music at Carnegie Hall, Madison Square Garden and Radio City Music Hall, and bringing country artists to the Las Vegas Strip. His honors include induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2015 and the International Entertainment Buyers Association Hall of Fame. In June 2026, the Country Music Association presented him with the CMA Touring Lifetime Achievement Award at the 20th annual CMA Touring Awards in Nashville.

Jim Halsey Way is the result of a yearlong effort by the Jim Halsey Street Naming Committee: **Ken Busby, Carol Matza, David Webb, Tony Winters and Larry Shaeffer**, all Tulsa-area music professionals inspired by Halsey’s contributions to the music industry.

“To recognize music legend and impresario Jim Halsey with a street named in his honor is a perfect tribute to a stellar career. Jim has helped make countless stars and solidified Tulsa as a true music capital. And to name

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a street across from Cain’s Ballroom is the ultimate tribute to an amazing legacy,” said Busby, executive director and CEO of the Route 66 Alliance.

Halsey closed his remarks with a reflection on the city he has helped put on the music map.

“This is a city of energy, and that’s what I have lived for my entire life is taking the energy that is there for us, that we can work with, build things, help other people, help other items of commerce and spiritual values, and build ourselves,” Halsey said.

ABOUT THE OAK RIDGE BOYS:

The Oak Ridge Boys are members of the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Grand Ole Opry, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame. The group has earned 12 gold, three platinum and one double-platinum album, more than a dozen national No. 1 singles and over 30 Top 10 hits. Their new album Buried Treasures is available October 30th from Lightning Rod Records.

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