

Sarasota Concert Association's free lunchtime concert series is back

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SARASOTA CONCERT ASSOCIATION

Since 1938, the Sarasota Concert Association has brought the world's finest classical musicians to Sarasota with its Great Performers Series. In addition to that series, the organization offers a free Music Matinee Series. This long-running community outreach program features accomplished regional musicians who perform an array of musical styles including, this year, both classical and jazz. The series is coordinated by Gail Berenson and Mike Brooks, both SCA board members, who view this series as an important forum to showcase outstanding regional artists.

"As a new member of the Sarasota Concert Association's board, I was delighted to be invited to co-chair

our Music Matinee Series with Gail Berenson," says Brooks.

"Our region is blessed with an abundance of exciting musicians — some of them already seasoned performers, others showing great promise in the earlier stages of their careers — and I'm proud that our organization provides such an excellent vehicle for showcasing their talents. The 2019-20 Music Matinee Series features an outstanding group of performers, enabling our audiences to join us in celebrating the richness of our musical community."

The 2019-2020 Music Matinees noontime concert season features Francisca Mendoza, violin, and Aza Torshkoeva, piano (Dec. 11); Russell Andrade, tenor, and Lee Dougherty Ross, piano (Jan. 22); Harry Miedema

and The Blue Heron Sextet (Feb. 11); Sarasota Opera Studio Artists (March 18) and Angela Galestro, flute, and Jonathan Smith, guitar (April 15).



Sarasota Opera Studio Artists

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