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Sarasota Concert Association presents

Pacifica Quartet

With Orion Weiss, piano

March 12, 7:30 p.m., at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

In a Great Performers Series Concert

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"The Pacifica Quartet is nothing short of phenomenal..." –The Telegraph

"Weiss has both powerful technique and exceptional insight and brought an almost sculptural presence and weight to the music." – The Washington Post

(Sarasota, Florida) The Sarasota Concert Association is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a lineup of world-renowned classical artists and ensembles. Its 2020 Great Performers Series season continues Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, with Pacifica Quartet and pianist Orion Weiss. The program features Beethoven's Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1; Ligeti's

Quartet No. 1, "Metamorphoses Nocturnes"; and Dvořák's Piano Quintet No. 2 in A Major, Op. 81. *Individual tickets are \$30-\$65. Tickets and information for the Great Performers Series are available by calling 941-225-6500 or online at www.scasarasota.org.*

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One of the most sought-after soloists in his generation of young American musicians, the pianist Orion Weiss has performed with the major American orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony, Boston Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and New York Philharmonic. His deeply felt and exceptionally crafted

performances go far beyond his technical mastery and have won him worldwide acclaim. Named the Classical Recording Foundation's Young Artist of the Year in September 2010, in the summer of 2011 Weiss made his debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood as a last-minute replacement for Leon Fleisher. Weiss's impressive list of awards includes the Gilmore Young Artist Award, an Avery Fisher Career Grant, the Gina Bachauer Scholarship at the Juilliard School and the Mieczyslaw Munz Scholarship.

The 2020 Great Performers Series Season: Upcoming

March 30, 7:30 p.m.: Musicians from Marlboro

An offshoot of the Marlboro Festival created by Rudolf Serkin, the Musicians from Marlboro are acclaimed both for their joyous, thoroughly prepared performances and for fostering artists at the beginning of their careers—including such luminaries as Yefin Bronfman, Richard Goode, and Richard Stoltzman. *(At Riverview Performing Arts Center)*

About the Sarasota Concert Association

The Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) is a nonprofit organization that fosters greater appreciation for world-class classical music by offering the community two engaging programs from December to April. The Great Performers Series, in its 75th season, brings world-renowned orchestras and chamber groups to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall and the Riverview Performing Arts Center. The Music Matinee Series features outstanding regional artists in free community concerts at Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center and other venues. For more information about SCA, visit www.scasarasota.org.

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