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**Sarasota Concert Association presents**

## **The Knights**

**With Gil Shaham, violin**

**February 25, 7:30 p.m., at Riverview Performing Arts Center**

**In a Great Performers Series Concert**

*The Knights are a collective of adventurous musicians dedicated to transforming the orchestral experience and eliminating barriers between audiences and music.*

*Grammy Award-winning Gil Shaham is one of the foremost violinists of our time—renowned as an American master.*

**“An adventurous young orchestra that has established a strong reputation for polished performances and imaginative programming.”** –The New York Times

**“In a world full of outstanding violinists, Shaham is one of the few identifiable by sound and style alone.”** –Boston Globe

(Sarasota, Florida) The Sarasota Concert Association is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a lineup of world-renowned classical artists and ensembles. Its 2020 Great Performers Series season continues Tuesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Riverview Performing Arts Center, with The Knights and violinist Gil Shaham. The program features Colin Jacobson’s new composition based on the “Kreutzer” story, Beethoven’s “Kreutzer Concerto” arranged for solo violin and chamber

orchestra, Janáček's "Kreutzer" String Quartet and Brahms' "Hungarian Dances." *Individual tickets are \$25-&75. Tickets and information for the Great Performers Series are available by calling 941-225-6500 or online at [www.scasarasota.org](http://www.scasarasota.org).*

The Knights are a collective of adventurous musicians dedicated to transforming the orchestral experience and eliminating barriers between audiences and music. Driven by an open-minded spirit of camaraderie and exploration, they inspire listeners with vibrant programs that encompass their roots in the classical tradition and passion for artistic discovery. The group evolved from late-night chamber music reading parties with friends at the home of violinist Colin Jacobsen and cellist Eric Jacobsen, who now serve as artistic directors of The Knights, with Eric Jacobsen as conductor. The Knights are committed to creating unusual and adventurous partnerships across disciplines; they perform in traditional concert halls as well as parks, plazas, and bars, in an effort to reach listeners of all backgrounds. Since incorporating in 2007, the orchestra has toured consistently across the United States and Europe.

Gil Shaham is one of the foremost violinists of our time; his flawless technique combined with his inimitable warmth and generosity of spirit has solidified his renown as an American master. The Grammy Award-winner, also named Musical America's "Instrumentalist of the Year," is sought after throughout the world for concerto appearances with leading orchestras and conductors, and regularly gives recitals and appears with ensembles on the world's great concert stages and at the most prestigious festivals.

## **The 2020 Great Performers Series Season: Upcoming**

### **March 12, 7:30 p.m.: Pacifica Quartet and Orion Weiss, piano**

Orion Weiss, acclaimed as “one of the most sought-after soloists of his generation,” joins forces with the Pacifica Quartet—an ensemble widely praised for its gripping interpretations of string quartet cycles. *(At Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall.)*

### **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 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.scasarasota.org).

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