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Sarasota Concert Association announces its 2023 Season

*The Great Performers Series features the **Chicago Symphony** with Riccardo Muti, the **Emerson String Quartet**, the **English Chamber Orchestra** and more.*

*Special Events include **A Chanticleer Christmas** and the **National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine***

(May 2, 2022)

The Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) today announced details of its 2023 concert season. In keeping with its mission, Sarasota Concert Association brings world-renowned orchestras, chamber ensembles and recitalists to Sarasota.

The 2023 Great Performers Series opens with the renowned **Emerson String Quartet** (January 30, 2023 at Riverview Performing Arts Center), performing in Sarasota as part of their farewell concert tour and presenting musical highlights of their 47-year history. Pianist **Awadagin Pratt** brings his artistry to the Riverview Performing Arts Center (February 15, 2023) with a varied program of works, from Philip Glass to Rachmaninoff and Liszt.

In his final season as Music Director, Riccardo Muti brings the internationally-acclaimed **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** to Sarasota for one night only (March 1, 2023 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall) in a program that includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. **The English Chamber Orchestra**, one of the

most recorded chamber orchestras in the world, takes center stage (March 12, 2023 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall) in a program that includes Elgar, Mozart and Haydn.

Concluding the 2023 Great Performers Series, Music Director JoAnn Falletta returns to Sarasota with the **Buffalo Philharmonic** (March 27 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall) in a program that includes Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and Dvořák's Symphony No. 7.

Two special events will also be presented during the Sarasota Concert Association's 2023 season. The Grammy Award-winning male vocal ensemble, **Chanticleer**, brings their popular Christmas concert to Sarasota (November 29, 2022 at the Sarasota Opera House). The Sarasota Concert Association will also present the **National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine** in a memorable performance (January 18, 2023 at the Venice Performing Arts Center), led by conductor Theodore Kuchar in a program which includes Brahms' Violin Concerto, and Dvořák's New World Symphony. Only subscribers to the Great Performers Series are able to purchase tickets to these two special events at this time.

"We are thrilled to announce our 2023 Great Performers Series," commented Sarasota Concert Association Executive Director Linda Moxley. "Among the series highlights, we are delighted to welcome the world-renowned Chicago Symphony back to Sarasota, led by Riccardo Muti in his farewell season as music director." She continued, "We are also delighted to announce two special additions to the season - the renowned men's chorus, Chanticleer, as well as a concert featuring the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine."

Five-concert subscriptions to the Great Performers Series are on sale now and range from \$135 to \$430 for the 5-concert package. To purchase subscriptions, visit www.SCAarasota.org or call the box office at 941-966-6161.

Three-concert mini subscriptions and full-priced single tickets will go on sale in the fall.

2023 GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES
Presented by the Sarasota Concert Association

EMERSON STRING QUARTET

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Riverview Performing Arts Center

The world-renowned Emerson Quartet, on their farewell concert tour during their 47th anniversary season, will perform Beethoven's Quartet, Op. 59 No. 2, as well as other works by Haydn and Mendelssohn.

PIANIST AWADAGIN PRATT

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Riverview Performing Arts Center

Acclaimed for his musical insight and intensely involved performances, Awadagin Pratt performs a varied program of works, from Philip Glass to Rachmaninoff and Liszt.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA with Riccardo Muti

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

In his final season as Music Director Riccardo Muti leads the internationally-acclaimed Chicago Symphony in Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

The most recorded chamber orchestra in the world, the London-based English Chamber Orchestra presents a program of Elgar, Mozart and Haydn.

BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA with JoAnn Falletta

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Music Director JoAnn Falletta leads the Grammy Award-winning orchestra in Dvořák's Symphony No. 7, and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto featuring violinist Sandy Cameron.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Presented by the Sarasota Concert Association

A CHANTICLEER CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Sarasota Opera House

The Grammy Award-winning male vocal ensemble has been hailed as "the world's reigning male chorus" by *The New Yorker* for its wide-ranging repertoire and dazzling virtuosity. Their Christmas concert is a legendary holiday tradition.

NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OF UKRAINE

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Venice Performing Arts Center

Led by conductor Theodore Kuchar, this extraordinary orchestra performs Brahms' Violin Concerto featuring violinist Vladyslava Luchenko, and Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*.

Tickets for these two Special Events are on sale now to full subscribers only, and single tickets will go on sale to the general public in the fall.

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 concert series from January to April. The Great Performers Series, in its 78th season, brings world-renowned orchestras and chamber groups to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall and the Riverview Performing Arts Center. Music Matinees feature outstanding regional artists in free community concerts at Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center and special events are presented in other venues throughout the region. For more information about SCA, visit www.scasarasota.org.

Photos courtesy of the artists.