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Sarasota Concert Association presents Pianist Awadagin Pratt at

Riverview Performing Arts Center on February 15

(January 9, 2022) The Sarasota Concert Association presents pianist Awadagin Pratt at the Riverview Performing Arts Center in Sarasota on February 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Acclaimed for his musical insight and intensely involved performances, Mr. Pratt performs a varied program of piano works to audiences worldwide. The Boston Music Intelligencer describes Pratt's diversity as "An enormous dynamic range encompassed grave quiet to immense thunder."

His upcoming program includes Glassworks by Philip Glass, Prelude in D, Op. 23, no. 4 from Rachmaninoff, and Chopin's Nocturne in B, Op. 62, no. 1 as well as selections from Couperin, Vasks, Hersch, Tchaikovsky, and Liszt.

As a strong advocate of music education, Mr. Pratt participates in numerous residency and outreach activities wherever he appears. This season, in conjunction with Sarasota Concert Association's new mentoring program, he will present a master class and conversation with students at Booker High School, following his February concert.

An experienced conductor, Mr. Pratt has conducted programs with the Toledo, New Mexico, Vancouver WA, Winston-Salem symphonies, the Concertante di Chicago and several orchestras in Japan. Mr. Pratt has performed three times for The White House and is currently a Professor of Piano at the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. He also served as the Artistic Director of the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati and is currently the Artistic Director of the Art of the Piano Festival at CCM.

Single tickets are on sale now at www.SCAsarasota.org or by calling the Sarasota Concert Association Box Office at 941-966-6161

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. The Great Performers Series, in its 78th season, brings world-renowned orchestras, recitalists and chamber groups to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, the Sarasota Opera House, the Venice Performing Arts Center, and the Riverview Performing Arts Center. Music Matinees feature outstanding regional artists in free community concerts at Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center. For more information about SCA, visit www.scasarasota.org.

Photos courtesy of the artist.

<u>Calendar Editors – Please Note:</u>

2023 GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES Presented by the Sarasota Concert Association

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA with Riccardo Muti, Music Director

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

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 p.m.

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 p.m.

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.

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