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Sarasota Concert Association presents three extraordinary orchestras at Van Wezel PAC in March

Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Wednesday, March 1

English Chamber Orchestra, Sunday, March 12

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Monday, March 27

January 23 – Sarasota Concert Association presents three remarkable orchestras in Sarasota in March. All three concerts are presented by the Sarasota's Concert Association's Great Performers Series and will take place at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Hailed as one of the greatest orchestras in the world, the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** makes its highly anticipated return to Sarasota on Wednesday, March 1. In his final season as Music Director, Riccardo Muti leads the Orchestra in an exciting program with works from Beethoven, Liadov and Mussorgsky that celebrates their extraordinary partnership.

Renowned Italian conductor Riccardo Muti became the orchestra's tenth music director in 2010. During his tenure, the Orchestra has deepened its engagement with the Chicago community, nurtured its legacy while supporting a new generation of musicians and composers, and collaborated with visionary artists. The musicians of the CSO command a vast repertoire and annually perform more than 150 concerts and have performed in twenty-nine countries on five continents in sixty-two international tours.

English Chamber Orchestra

The **English Chamber Orchestra** with conductor José Serebrier will perform on Sunday, March 12. The most recorded chamber orchestra in the world, the London-based, Grammy Award-winning English Chamber Orchestra (ECO) has made 860 recordings of 1500 works by 400 composers and has performed in more countries than any other orchestra. Their program includes works by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and Haydn.

The Orchestra has recorded many successful film soundtracks including Dario Marianelli's prizewinning scores for *Atonement* and *Pride and Prejudice*. The ECO is proud of its outreach program, Close Encounters, which is run by the ECO musicians.

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

The **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra**, under the direction of Music Director, Joann Falletta, will perform on Monday, March 27. Falletta has led the Grammy Award-winning Buffalo Philharmonic on international tours and in numerous recording projects. The program includes works by Kodály, Mendelssohn, and Dvořák. The evening will also feature violinist Sandy Cameron, performing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

As Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic, Falletta became the first woman to lead a major American ensemble and has been credited with bringing the Philharmonic to an unprecedented level of national and international prominence.

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 artists.

Photo captions:

(1) Riccardo Muti, Music Director, leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Photo by: Todd Rosenberg

(2) José Serebrier, Conductor, leads the English Chamber Orchestra

Photo by Chris Christodoulou

(3) JoAnn Falletta, Music Director, leads the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

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Calendar Editors – Please Note:

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Riccardo Muti, Music Director

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

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Program:

BEETHOVEN – Coriolan Overture

BEETHOVEN – Symphony No. 8

LIADOV – The Enchanted Lake

MUSSORGSKY – *Pictures from an Exhibition*

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

José Serebrier, Conductor

Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Program:

TURINA – La Oración del Torero

PURCELL – “Dido’s Lament”

MOZART – *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, K.525

TCHAIKOVSKY – *Andante Cantabile* from String Quartet No. 1 in D major, Op. 11 – Arr. José Serebrier

HAYDN – Symphony No. 49 in F minor, “La Passione”

BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

JoAnn Falletta, Music Director

Sandy Cameron, Violin

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Program:

KODÁLY – Dances of Galánta

MENDELSSOHN – Violin Concerto

DVOŘÁK – Symphony No. 7

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