

SARASOTA CONCERT ASSOCIATION

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Sarasota Concert Association announces its 2023-24 Season

*The Great Performers Series features the **Detroit Symphony Orchestra with cellist Alisa Weilerstein, the Harlem Quartet, the Rotterdam Philharmonic with pianist Daniil Trifonov and more.***

*The **Canadian Brass** is featured in a Special Holiday Concert*

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The Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) today announced details of its 2024 Great Performers Series. In keeping with its mission, Sarasota Concert Association brings world-renowned orchestras, chamber ensembles and recitalists to Sarasota.

The 2024 Great Performers Series opens with the **Sofia Philharmonic**, Bulgaria's renowned orchestra (January 15, 2024 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall), performing Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and Brahms' Violin Concerto. The Grammy Award-winning **Harlem Quartet** brings their artistry to the Riverview Performing Arts Center (January 24, 2024) with a varied program of works, from Benjamin Britten to jazz standards.

World-renowned cellist **Alisa Weilerstein joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra** for one night only (February 19 at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall) in a program that includes Elgar's Cello Concerto and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, conducted by Music Director Jader Bignamini.

The Rotterdam Philharmonic is joined by pianist Daniil Trifonov, described by The Times of London as "the most astounding pianist of our age" (March 3, 2024 at Van

Wezel Performing Arts Hall) performing Prokofiev's virtuosic Piano Concerto No. 2. Led by renowned conductor Lahav Shani, the program also includes excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*.

Concluding the 2024 Great Performers Series, first prize winner in the 2021 Chopin International Piano Competition **Bruce Liu** performs an all-French program including works by Ravel, Chopin and Liszt on March 29, 2024 (Riverview Performing Arts Center).

The Sarasota Concert Association also presents the **Canadian Brass** in a special holiday concert on December 4, 2023 at the Sarasota Opera House.

Five-concert subscriptions to the Great Performers Series are on sale now and range from \$125 to \$415 for the 5-concert package. Subscribers save up to 30% off regular single ticket prices. To purchase subscriptions, visit www.SCAarasota.org or call the box office at 941-966-6161. Tickets to the Canadian Brass concert on December 4 are currently available to subscribers only.

Three-concert mini subscriptions and full-priced single tickets will go on sale on September 5, 2023.

2024 GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES
Presented by the Sarasota Concert Association

SOFIA PHILHARMONIC
Nayden Todorox, conductor
Liya Petrova, violin

Monday, January 15, 2024 at 7:30 pm
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Praised as "Bulgaria's most illustrious musical institution by *Gramophone Magazine*, the acclaimed Sofia Philharmonic performs Beethoven's beloved Symphony No. 7 and Brahms' romantic Violin Concerto.

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HARLEM QUARTET

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Riverview Performing Arts Center

The Grammy Award-winning Harlem Quartet, dazzling audiences from Carnegie Hall to the White House, performs Fanny Mendelssohn's String Quartet in E-flat major, Britten's String Quartet No. 2, and jazz standards.

DETROIT SYMPHONY WITH CELLIST ALISA WEILERSTEIN

Jader Bignamini, conductor

Alisa Weilerstein, cello

Monday, February 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

World-renowned cellist Alisa Weilerstein, described as "a new generation's cello superstar," joins the Detroit Symphony in Elgar's Cello Concerto. Music Director Jader Bignamini also leads the Orchestra in Wynton Marsalis' *Fanfare* as well as Rimskey-Korsakov's orchestral showpiece, *Scheherazade*.

ROTTERDAM PHILHARMONIC WITH PIANIST DANIIL TRIFONOV

Lahav Shani, conductor

Daniil Trifonov, piano

Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Led by renowned conductor Lahav Shani, the program includes excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*. Described by *The Times of London* as "the most astounding pianist of our age," Daniil Trifonov joins the orchestra for Prokofiev's virtuosic *Piano Concerto No. 2*.

PIANIST BRUCE LIU

Friday, March 29, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Riverview Performing Arts Center

First Prize winner in the 2021 Chopin International Piano Competition, and the pianist who brought down the house two years ago in Sarasota with his incredible virtuosity, Bruce Liu performs a recital of all-French composers including Rameau, Ravel, Chopin and Liszt.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY CONCERT: CANADIAN BRASS

Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Sarasota Opera House

The world's most famous brass quintet performs festive holiday favorites, from *Carol of the Bells*, to *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, swinging Glenn Miller tunes, and more.

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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 79th 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.

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