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Sarasota Concert Association Unveils its 2024-25 Season

Celebrating 80 years of presenting world-renowned orchestras and classical musicians, the Sarasota Concert Association presents the Cleveland Orchestra, pianist Jean Yves-Thibaudet, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and more

(April 2, 2024) - The Sarasota Concert Association today announced the artists that will be featured on its 2025 Great Performers Series, as well as two Special Events.

The 2025 Great Performers Series launches with the acclaimed French pianist **Jean-Yves Thibaudet**, making his Sarasota Concert Association debut at Riverview Performing Arts Center (January 15, 2025). **Thibaudet's** performance will include Debussy's *Preludes Books I and II*, promising an evening of unparalleled artistry.

Audiences will then be treated to the return of the **Cleveland Orchestra** (January 26, 2025, at Van Wezel), a favorite among Sarasota music lovers. Under the baton of **Kahchun Wong** with violinist **Sayaka Shoji**, the orchestra will perform Beethoven's *Violin Concerto* and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

The **Czech National Symphony**, with Music Director **Steven Mercurio** and pianist **Maxim Lando (February 13, 2025, at Van Wezel)**, performs Liszt's *Piano Concerto No. 1* and Dvořák's popular *Symphony No. 9*, "From the New World."

A special highlight of the season is the 300th-anniversary celebration of **Vivaldi's Four Seasons** (March 14, 2025, at Riverview Performing Arts Center). This concert features the local debut of baroque violinist **Théotime Langlois de Swarte** and the renowned French ensemble **Les Arts Florissants**.

Concluding the series, the **National Symphony Orchestra**, led by Music Director **Gianandrea Noseda** with violinist **Hilary Hahn**, will perform at Van Wezel (March 24, 2025). The evening's repertoire includes Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* and Erich Korngold's *Violin Concerto*.

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In addition to the 5-concert Great Performers Series, the Sarasota Concert Association will present a special holiday concert featuring the male vocal ensemble **Chanticleer** (December 3, 2024, at the Sarasota Opera House).

Legendary cellist **Yo-Yo Ma** presents an evening of music and words at Van Wezel (February 27, 2025). In this one-night-only event, Yo-Yo Ma performs a special selection of his favorite pieces and shares stories about a life dedicated to music.

"We are thrilled to present our 2024-25 season," commented Sarasota Concert Association Executive Director Linda Moxley. "As we celebrate our 80th season, we are proud to continue our mission of bringing extraordinary orchestras to Sarasota, from the National Symphony to the Cleveland Orchestra. We couldn't resist joining the world in commemorating the 300th anniversary of Vivaldi's Four Seasons, and we are delighted to be presenting some of the most sought-after classical musicians, including pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, violinist Hilary Hahn, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. We look forward to presenting these incredible musicians in Sarasota."

*Five-concert subscriptions to the Great Performers Series and additional tickets to Special Events are available now to **current subscribers only**.*

***New subscriptions will be on sale beginning on April 10.** Visit www.SCAarasota.org or call the box office at 941-966-6161 on that date.*

Three-concert mini subscriptions will go on sale in June, and single tickets will be available 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. The Great Performers Series, in its 80th season, brings world-renowned orchestras, recitalists, and chamber groups; Music Matinees feature outstanding regional artists in free community concerts, and Special Events are presented in venues throughout the region. For more information about SCA, visit www.SCAarasota.org.

Photos courtesy of the artist are attached. Please contact Carrie@scasarasota.org for additional concert information, full biographies, or photos.

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2024-25 Great Performers Series
Presented by the Sarasota Concert Association

2025 GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES

- **PIANIST JEAN-YVES THIBAUDET**
Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 7:30 pm
Riverview Performing Arts Center
World-renowned French pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet makes his Sarasota Concert Association debut performing Debussy's Preludes Books I and II.
- **CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA**
Sunday, Jan 26, 2025, at 7:30 pm
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
Kahchun Wong, conductor
Sayaka Shoji, violin
A favorite of Sarasota audiences, the Cleveland Orchestra returns in a program featuring Beethoven's Violin Concerto and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, led by internationally acclaimed conductor Kahchun Wong.
- **CZECH NATIONAL SYMPHONY**
Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 7:30 pm
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
Steven Mercurio, Music Director
Maxim Lando, piano
First prize winner in the NY International Liszt Competition, Maxim Lando joins the Czech National Symphony in Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1. The program also includes Dvořák's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World."
- **VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS**
with baroque violinist Théotime Langlois de Swarte and Les Arts Florissants
Friday, March 14, 2025, at 7:30 pm
Riverview Performing Arts Center
A 300th anniversary celebration of Vivaldi's Four Seasons along with other celebrated works by Vivaldi and Monteverdi, featuring renowned French ensemble Les Arts Florissants in their Sarasota debut.
- **NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:30 pm
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
Gianandrea Nosedo, Music Director
Hilary Hahn, violin
Direct from Washington, D.C., Music Director Gianandrea Nosedo and the National Symphony Orchestra perform Beethoven's powerful Symphony No. 5. World-renowned violinist Hilary Hahn joins the Orchestra in Erich Korngold's beautifully romantic and virtuosic Violin Concerto.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Presented by Sarasota Concert Association

- **CHANTICLEER HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Sarasota Opera House

Back by popular demand, the male vocal ensemble Chanticleer performs an all-new program of Renaissance classics and holiday favorites.

- **AN EVENING WITH YO-YO MA**

Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Join cellist Yo-Yo Ma for an evening of music and words. In this one-night-only performance, Yo-Yo Ma performs a special selection of his favorite pieces and shares stories about a life dedicated to music.

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