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## Single Tickets on Sale Today for the Sarasota Concert Association's 2024-25 Season

(September 3, 2024) – Single tickets for the Sarasota Concert Association's 2024-25 season are on sale now, including all five Great Performers Series concerts and the season's two Special Event Performances.

The Great Performers Series will launch in 2025 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.

**The Cleveland Orchestra**, a favorite among Sarasota music lovers, returns under the baton of **Kahchun Wong** with violinist **Sayaka Shoji** (January 26, 2025, at Van Wezel). 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**), will perform Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Dvořák's popular Symphony No. 9, "*From the New World*."

The 300th-anniversary celebration of **Vivaldi's Four Seasons** will be a particular highlight of the season (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**.

The 2025 Great Performer Series concludes at Van Wezel with the **National Symphony Orchestra**, led by Music Director **Gianandrea Noseda** and featuring Grammy Award-winning violinist **Hilary Hahn** (March 24, 2025). The evening's repertoire includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and Erich Korngold's Violin Concerto.

As a complement to the 5-concert Great Performers Series, the Sarasota Concert Association will present two additional concerts beginning with a holiday concert featuring the male vocal ensemble **Chanticleer** (December 3, 2024, at the Sarasota Opera House).

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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 Linda Moxley, Executive Director of the Sarasota Concert Association. "As we mark 80 years of presenting internationally acclaimed orchestras, chamber ensembles, and solo artists, we eagerly anticipate the remarkable season ahead. From celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vivaldi's Four Seasons to an evening with the legendary Yo-Yo Ma and showcasing renowned orchestras from Cleveland and Washington, D.C., we look forward to bringing these incredible musicians to Sarasota."

Single tickets, Great Performers Series subscriptions, and Choose 3 subscriptions are available at [www.SCAarasota.org](http://www.SCAarasota.org) or by calling the Box Office at (941) 966-6161.

### **Sarasota Concert Association's 2024-25 Concert Season**

- **CHANTICLEER HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 7:30 pm**  
**Sarasota Opera House**  
Back by popular demand, the all-male vocal ensemble Chanticleer performs an all-new program of Renaissance classics and holiday favorites.
- **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."

- **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.

- **VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS**

**Les Arts Florissants**

**with baroque violinist Théotime Langlois de Swarte**

**Friday, March 14, 2025, at 7:30 pm**

**Riverview Performing Arts Center**

A 300<sup>th</sup> 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 Noseda, Music Director**

**Hilary Hahn, violin**

Direct from Washington, D.C., Music Director Gianandrea Noseda 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.

*Attached are photos courtesy of the artists. Please contact [Carrie@scasarasota.org](mailto:Carrie@scasarasota.org) for additional concert information, full biographies, or photos.*

**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 80<sup>th</sup> season, presents 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](http://www.SCAarasota.org).