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## **The Sarasota Concert Association presents The Cleveland Orchestra on January 26**

**Sarasota, FL (December 9, 2024)**– The internationally acclaimed **Cleveland Orchestra** returns to Sarasota under the baton of conductor **Kahchun Wong** and features violinist **Sayaka Shoji**. The concert is presented by the Sarasota Concert Association on its Great Performers Series and is scheduled for **Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall**.

Hailed as one of the world's premier orchestras, The Cleveland Orchestra is renowned for its musical excellence and commitment to community engagement. Under the baton of Singaporean-born conductor Kahchun Wong and featuring Japanese Violinist Sayaka Shoji, The Cleveland Orchestra will perform **Ludwig van Beethoven's** *Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61* and **Modest Mussorgsky's** *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

**Kahchun Wong** has garnered international acclaim for his electrifying stage presence and insightful interpretations that bridge Eastern and Western musical traditions. His distinguished career includes collaborations with renowned ensembles such as the New York Philharmonic, London Philharmonic, and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic.

**Violinist Sayaka Shoji** brings a unique blend of European and Japanese influences to her performances. She is known for her artistic versatility and profound engagement with diverse repertoire. Shoji achieved international recognition as the first Japanese and youngest winner of the Paganini Competition in 1999. She has since collaborated with leading orchestras worldwide, including The Cleveland Orchestra, the London Symphony Orchestra, and the Berlin Philharmonic.

Tickets are available at [www.SCAsarasota.org](http://www.SCAsarasota.org) or call the Box Office at (941) 966-6161.

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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. 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.SCAsarasota.org](http://www.SCAsarasota.org).

- **THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA**  
**Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 7:30 pm**  
**Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall**

A favorite of Sarasota audiences, the internationally renowned Cleveland Orchestra returns! Singaporean conductor Kahchun Wong, praised for his electrifying stage presence, will lead the Orchestra in Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Japanese violinist Sayaka Shoji joins the Orchestra performing Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

BEETHOVEN Violin Concerto  
MUSSORGSKY *Pictures at an Exhibition*

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