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SARASOTA CONCERT ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2025-26 GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES

(April 9, 2025) – The Sarasota Concert Association has announced its 2025-26 Great Performers Series, marking the organization’s 81st season. The series features an outstanding selection of internationally recognized orchestras, chamber ensembles, and soloists, with performances at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall and Riverview Performing Arts Center. The season also includes a special holiday concert featuring Canadian Brass at the Sarasota Opera House.

The series opens with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra on January 19, 2026, at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Under the direction of Music Director Vasily Petrenko, the orchestra will present a program featuring Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 1 with pianist Benjamin Grosvenor and Sibelius’ Symphony No. 2.

On February 16, 2026, The Philadelphia Orchestra returns to Sarasota and will perform at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall under the leadership of Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin. The program includes Brahms’ Symphony No. 2 and Symphony No. 4.

The acclaimed Danish String Quartet will perform at Riverview Performing Arts Center on February 24, 2026. Their program includes Beethoven’s String Quartet in B-flat major and their signature arrangements of Norwegian folk songs.

Pianist Alexander Malofeev takes the stage at Riverview Performing Arts Center on March 10, 2026. The program will include works by Sibelius, Grieg, Prokofiev, Scriabin, and Stravinsky.

The season concludes with a performance by Joshua Bell and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields on March 15, 2026, at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. The program features Saint-Saëns’ Violin Concerto No. 3 and Dvořák’s Symphony No. 8.

In addition to the Great Performers Series, SCA will present a special holiday event featuring the return of Canadian Brass on December 2, 2025, at the Sarasota Opera House. The renowned brass ensemble will present a festive program to celebrate the holiday season.

Subscriptions are on sale now for the 5-concert Great Performers Series. Three-concert mini subscriptions will be available in July, and single tickets will go on sale in September. For more information and to subscribe, visit www.SCAarasota.org or call 941-966-6161.

SPECIAL EVENT

CANADIAN BRASS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Sarasota Opera House

GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Vasily Petrenko, Music Director

Benjamin Grosvenor, piano

Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1

Sibelius Symphony No. 2

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA

Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Music Director

Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Brahms Symphony No. 2

Brahms Symphony No. 4

DANISH STRING QUARTET

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Riverview Performing Arts Center

Beethoven String Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 130

Arrangements of Norwegian folk songs

PIANIST ALEXANDER MALOFEEV

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Riverview Performing Arts Center

Works by Sibelius, Grieg, Prokofiev, Scriabin and Stravinsky

JOSHUA BELL AND THE ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Saint-Saëns Violin Concerto No. 3

Dvořák Symphony No. 8

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. Now in its 81st season, the Great Performers Series 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.

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