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Sarasota Concert Association Welcomes New Board President Charlie Berardesco

Sarasota, FL (October 28, 2025) - The Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) announced that Charlie Berardesco has succeeded Joy McIntyre as the organization's board president at its Annual Meeting on April 10, 2025. Ms. McIntyre has remained on the SCA board as immediate past president. Recent additions to the SCA board include Karen Brown, Bruce Ensinger, Trevor Johnson and Monica Van Buskirk.

Paula Rothman, chair of SCA's nominating committee, shared that the SCA board is honored to welcome Charlie Berardesco as its new board president. "Charlie's years of business and legal expertise and leadership positions in the arts will serve us well as we continue to grow our organization in the years ahead," Rothman says. "We're also delighted to have recently welcomed Karen Brown, Bruce Ensinger, Trevor Johnson and Monica Van Buskirk to the board. They have already devoted their exceptional experience and talents to SCA and share in the board's commitment to SCA's mission of bringing exceptional musicians to Sarasota."

Upon his election as board president, Charlie Berardesco said, "It's an honor to be asked to serve as SCA's next board president. I am excited to continue to build on the success of my predecessors and to support our outstanding team as we continue the work of bringing outstanding artists to the Sarasota community."

Charles A. Berardesco served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), where he was also Interim President and CEO. He previously held senior leadership roles at Constellation Energy, a Fortune 200 company, following nearly two decades in corporate law practice. An active nonprofit leader, Charlie has chaired and served on numerous boards in the arts, education, and advocacy sectors, and has been recognized nationally for his leadership and contributions to corporate governance. He was named one of the top 10 "GC's to Watch" by Corporate Board

Magazine and honored as a Leader in the Law by the Maryland Daily Record. Under his leadership, Constellation Energy's legal department was named Corporate Governance Team of the Year by Corporate Secretary Magazine.

Karen B. Brown, Ph.D. is Professor Emerita at Dominican University's School of Information Studies and an award-winning educator, researcher, and consultant. She has led national initiatives and strategic planning projects that have advanced literacy, community engagement, and innovation in libraries, and has consulted for more than 25 academic libraries nationwide. Karen's work includes leadership roles on major federally funded grants with the American Library Association, Dartmouth College, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, developing professional learning programs for libraries across the country.

Bruce L. Ensinger is a music educator, conductor, and accompanist whose career spans more than 36 years of teaching, performance, and leadership. A Fulbright Scholar, he has directed award-winning choirs, served as music director and organist for multiple congregations, accompanied numerous Sarasota ensembles, and contributed to over 100 musical and opera productions. Bruce currently serves on the boards of the Friends of The Sarasota Ballet, and Key Chorale.

Trevor Johnson, Esq., is an attorney with Williams Parker focusing on trusts and estates, corporate law, and tax matters for business owners and high-net-worth individuals. He previously advised on domestic and international tax matters, mergers and acquisitions, and estate planning at leading New York law firms. A former U.S. Marine Corps captain, he commanded units in the United States and Afghanistan, overseeing critical missions, legal operations, and interagency coordination.

Monica Van Buskirk is Principal of Monica Consults, providing marketing, branding, and fundraising services to Sarasota nonprofits and recently served on the boards of Forty Carrots and New College of Florida. From 2012–2019, she was President and CEO of the Van Wezel Foundation, leading it to double-digit growth and multiple awards. Monica's earlier career includes senior leadership roles with Godiva Chocolatier, Pepperidge Farm, Campbell Soup Company, Brentano's Book Stores, and MacMillan Publishing, as well as founding her own specialty chocolate company in New York and Boston.

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