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## **GRAMMY®-Nominated *Danish String Quartet* Makes Sarasota Debut**

(Sarasota, FL, January 7, 2026) — Direct from Copenhagen, the internationally acclaimed **Danish String Quartet** makes its Sarasota debut on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverview Performing Arts Center.**

In their signature style, the Quartet will present **Beethoven’s masterful String Quartet in B-flat major, Op. 130**, paired with the monumental ***Grosse Fuge, Op. 133***, and complemented by their own sophisticated arrangements of **traditional Nordic folk music**—creating a program that reflects the ensemble’s distinctive artistic range.

Hailed by The Washington Post as “one of the best quartets performing before the public today,” the Danish String Quartet stands among the world’s finest, renowned for impeccable musicianship and an extraordinary unity of ensemble. Their inventive and intriguing programming is defined by a seamless fusion of classical chamber music and Scandinavian folk tradition, resulting in critically acclaimed original projects, commissions, and arrangements drawn from traditional folk sources.

Now in its third decade, the Quartet continues to assert its preeminence among today’s leading chamber ensembles. Performances are marked by rare musical spontaneity and a palpable joy in music-making, giving audiences the sense of hearing even the most beloved repertoire as if for the first time. This artistry has made the Danish String Quartet one of the most highly acclaimed and in-demand classical quartets appearing in sold-out concert halls around the world.

The ensemble was formed under the mentorship of Tim Frederiksen of Copenhagen’s Royal Academy of Music, when violinists Frederik Øland and Rune Tonsgaard Sørensen and violist Asbjørn Nørgaard began playing together as teenagers. In 2008, the three Danes were joined by Norwegian cellist Fredrik Schøyen Sjölin marking the beginning of the Quartet’s long-standing artistic partnership.

In August 2024, the Danish String Quartet released its fifth album, *Keel Road*, a critically acclaimed exploration of Nordic folk music featuring both traditional tunes and original arrangements. The recording continues the ensemble’s distinctive artistic approach, seamlessly weaving folk traditions into the classical chamber music canon.

With a rapidly expanding audience in North America, the Quartet has embarked on three tours this season, performing in 22 cities across the United States and Canada, in addition to regular appearances throughout Europe and South America.

**Single tickets start at \$35** and are available online at [SCAsarasota.org](http://SCAsarasota.org) or by calling the SCA Box Office at (941) 966-6161, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Attached are photos courtesy of the artists. Please contact [Erin@scasarasota.org](mailto:Erin@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. 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.SCAsarasota.org](http://www.SCAsarasota.org).

## **GREAT PERFORMERS SERIES**

### **ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**

Vasily Petrenko, Music Director

Boris Giltburg, piano

**Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 1

Sibelius Symphony No. 2

### **THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA**

Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Music Director

**Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

Brahms Symphony No. 3

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

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