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The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Brings British Brilliance to Sarasota

January 19 at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

(November 18, 2025) – Recognized as the U.K.’s most in-demand orchestra, the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** comes to Sarasota for a spectacular evening of music on **Monday, January 19, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.** Presented by the **Sarasota Concert Association**, the Royal Philharmonic will be led by its acclaimed Music Director, **Vasily Petrenko**, and joined by internationally celebrated pianist **Boris Giltburg**.

The program features Beethoven’s vibrant **Piano Concerto No. 1**, originally performed by the composer himself in his public debut, alongside Sibelius’ **Symphony No. 2**, a poignant and dramatic masterwork that has captivated audiences for over a century. Together, these two works create an unforgettable evening of emotion and artistry that showcases the depth and passion of this renowned ensemble.

Founded in 1946 by Sir Thomas Beecham, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra has become a cornerstone of British music and a symbol of artistic excellence worldwide. Under the leadership of Vasily Petrenko since 2021, the orchestra continues to captivate audiences with its dynamic performances and innovative programming. Petrenko’s distinctive energy and vision have propelled the Royal Philharmonic into a new era of international acclaim.

Moscow-born and Israeli-raised, **Boris Giltburg** is recognized for his deeply sensitive and compelling interpretations of the great piano repertoire. A Gramophone Award-winner and frequent soloist with the world’s leading orchestras, Giltburg is celebrated for his technical brilliance and emotional depth on stage. His performance of Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 1 promises to be a highlight of the season.

Single tickets start at **\$45** and are available online at 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 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.SCAarasota.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

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