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The Philadelphia Orchestra Returns to Sarasota with an All-Brahms Performance on February 16 at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

(December 22, 2025) – The world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra returns to Sarasota for a transformative evening on **Monday, February 16, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.** Presented by the **Sarasota Concert Association**, the Philadelphia Orchestra will be led by its charismatic Music Director, **Yannick Nézet-Séguin**.

The **all-Brahms program** opens with the composer's passionate, free-spirited **Symphony No. 3**, a work that balances lush Romanticism with Classical structure. The composer's **Symphony No. 4**, Brahms' final symphonic work, depicts a more emotional landscape, and is widely regarded as one of his greatest orchestral achievements.

Canadian-born conductor and pianist, Nézet-Séguin is currently in his 14th season as Music and Artistic Director of the Philadelphia Orchestra, where his inspired leadership continues to inspire the ensemble's legendary "Philadelphia Sound" in bold and imaginative ways.

Music Director of the Metropolitan Opera as well, Nezet Seguin is in high demand with leading orchestras around the world. Widely regarded as one of the most thrilling and sought-after musical leaders of his generation, Nézet-Séguin has been especially praised as one of today's great interpreters of the symphonic works of Brahms.

Founded in 1900 by a group of visionary musicians and civic leaders committed to sharing the power of music with their city, The Philadelphia Orchestra has grown into one of the world's most renowned orchestras. Today, the Orchestra strives to share the transformative power of music with the widest possible audience, creating joy, connection, and excitement in the Philadelphia region, across the country, and around the world.

Through innovative programming, robust education initiatives, a commitment to its diverse communities, and the embrace of digital outreach, the ensemble is creating an expansive and inclusive future for classical music and furthering the place of the arts in an open and democratic society. In June 2021 the Orchestra and its home, the Kimmel Center, united. Today, The Philadelphia Orchestra and Ensemble Arts bring the greatest performances and most impactful education and community programs to audiences in Philadelphia and beyond.

Single tickets start at **\$65** 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.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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