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Sarasota Orchestra Receives Grant from The Exchange

SARASOTA, FL – January 14, 2022 – Sarasota Orchestra has received a \$20,000 grant from The Exchange for the Sarasota Youth Orchestra program.

Joseph McKenna, Sarasota Orchestra President and CEO, states, “Sarasota Orchestra is grateful for the generous grant from The Exchange and their support of the arts and young people’s access to music education in the Sarasota area. The Exchange’s long relationship with the Orchestra is one of the region’s success stories.”

The grant will support the Sarasota Youth Orchestra program, which provides comprehensive after-school instrumental training and performance experience to young musicians at all levels. Students from third grade through high school participate in this 30-week, five ensemble program.

For over 60 years, this orchestral program has provided young musicians with musical instruction, unique performing opportunities, and the chance to study and perform classical music with their peers. Over fifty percent of the students receive some form of financial assistance to participate. The Exchange has been providing financial support to Sarasota Orchestra since 1962.

About The Exchange:

The Exchange is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization with a central purpose of supporting and enriching a variety of programs for local cultural organizations. Funds for this purpose are realized through a consignment operation in which merchandise is accepted either for donation

or for consignment to be sold in its store. Grants and scholarships derived from the earnings of this store are used to enrich and strengthen arts-related programs and to encourage creativity in organizations and individuals throughout the community. Visit <http://sarasotawex.com/> to learn more.

About Sarasota Orchestra:

Since 1949, Sarasota Orchestra has inspired and entertained music-lovers across the region and visitors from around the world. As the oldest continuing orchestra in the state of Florida, each year the 76-member Orchestra performs more than 100 classical, pops, chamber music, and community outreach concerts. Sarasota Orchestra's acclaimed music education program includes the Sarasota Youth Orchestras, established in 1959. Sarasota Orchestra is also the parent program of the world-renowned Sarasota Music Festival, founded in 1965. For further information, please visit www.SarasotaOrchestra.org.

Images Available:

- High-resolution photography is available at www.sarasotaorchestra.org/download

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