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Sarasota Orchestra Announces 2022 – 2023 Season, Its First Under Music Director Bramwell Tovey

SARASOTA, FL – April 20, 2022 – Sarasota Orchestra announces the 2022 – 2023 season, marking its first full season helmed by Music Director Bramwell Tovey. Tovey will appear on four of the Orchestra’s five subscription series, as well as a special Gala performance featuring world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

The 2022 – 2023 season is composed of five popular concert series:

The **Masterworks** series brings stalwart masterpieces to life alongside fresh new works by contemporary composers. Guest appearances by distinguished conductors and soloists will include Grammy Award-winning violinists James Ehnes and Gil Shaham and acclaimed pianist Joyce Yang. Highlights will include Berlioz’s *Symphonie fantastique*, Rachmaninoff’s Piano Concerto No. 2 and Mahler’s Symphony No. 4. Masterworks performances will take place at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall and Neel Performing Arts Center.

A Fantastic Beginning – November 4, 5, 6

Bramwell Tovey, conductor | Joyce Yang, piano

Quinn Mason – *A Joyous Trilogy*

Grieg – Piano Concerto

Berlioz – *Symphonie fantastique*

Luminous Colors – December 2, 3, 4

Lina Gonzalez-Granados, conductor | Bomsori Kim, violin
Nina Shekhar – *Lumina*
Bruch – Violin Concerto No. 1
Dvořák – Symphony No. 7

Mahler: View of Heaven – January 5, 6, 7, 8
Bramwell Tovey, conductor | James Ehnes, violin | Laquita Mitchell, soprano
Sibelius – Violin Concerto
Mahler – Symphony No. 4

A Romantic Affair – February 2, 3, 4, 5
Bramwell Tovey, conductor | Nobuyuki Tsujii, piano
Brahms – Hungarian Dance No. 4
Rachmaninoff – Piano Concerto No. 2
Brahms – Symphony No. 1

Copland and Stravinsky – February 24, 25, 26
Kensho Watanabe, conductor | Karen Gomyo, violin
Jessica Hunt – *Climb*
Stravinsky – Violin Concerto
Copland – Symphony No. 3

Emperor – March 16, 17, 18, 19
Paul Daniel, conductor | Behzod Abduraimov, piano
Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 5 (*Emperor*)
Prokofiev – Symphony No. 5

A Hero's Life – March 31, April 1, 2
Bramwell Tovey, conductor | Gil Shaham, violin
Sarah Gibson – Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Commission
Korngold – Violin Concerto
R. Strauss – *Ein Heldenleben*

The **Pops** series delivers a diverse array of favorites, including music from Broadway, classic British popular tunes from Noel Coward to James Bond and a program of music by Billy Joel and Elton John. Sarasota Orchestra musicians will be joined by dynamic vocalists to perform these hits. Pops performances will take place at Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall.

The Music of Billy Joel and Elton John – January 20, 21

Stuart Chafetz, conductor

Michael Cavanaugh, vocals/piano

Hits of the Brits! – March 3, 4

Bramwell Tovey, conductor

Broadway Bound – April 21, 22

William Waldrop, conductor

Carmen Ruby Floyd, vocals

The **Discoveries** series features 75-minute programs designed to be accessible and intriguing to both newcomers and those experienced with classical music. This season's series focuses on the influences of various composers on one another, as well the influences of their surroundings. The series will showcase rising guest soloists and conductors including cellist Zlatomir Fung, guitarist Bokyung Byun, and conductor Joseph Young. Discoveries performances will take place at the Sarasota Opera House.

Mozart and Tchaikovsky – October 1

Bramwell Tovey, conductor | Zlatomir Fung, cello

Mozart – Symphony No. 29

Tchaikovsky – Variations on a Rococo Theme

Tchaikovsky – Suite No. 4 (*Mozartiana*)

The French Influencers – December 21

Sarah Ioannides, conductor

Farrenc – Overture No. 1

Liszt – “Pastoral Music at the Manger” from *Christus*

Bizet – Symphony in C Major

Musical Postcards – May 13

Joseph Young, conductor | Bokyung Byun, guitar

Villa-Lobos – *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 9*

Rodrigo – *Concierto de Aranjuez*

Mendelssohn – Symphony No. 4 (*Italian*)

The **Great Escapes** series is one of Sarasota Orchestra's most popular, offering a mix of light classics and popular favorites in themed programs. Some of the themes for the coming season

include *A Night at the Movies*, *A Little Night Music*, and *Sounds of Spring*. In this series, conductors share stories and commentary throughout each performance. Great Escapes performances will take place at Holley Hall.

A Night at the Movies – October 12-15

Lawrence Loh, conductor

Seasonal Gifts – December 7-11

Steven Jarvi, conductor

A Little Night Music – January 11-15

Christopher Confessore, conductor

Date Night – February 8-12

Steven Jarvi, conductor

American Vibes – March 8-12

John Gennaro Devlin, conductor

Sounds of Spring – April 12-15

Michelle Merrill, conductor

The **Chamber Soirées** are a series of musician-led, small-ensemble performances. This season includes two programs with illustrious guest artists: pianist Orion Weiss will feature on a program music for winds and piano; mezzo-soprano Susan Platts joins for a program of art song; and Bramwell Tovey takes a seat at the piano himself in a jazz-inspired program Chamber Soirées will take place at Holley Hall.

Sarasota String Quartet – October 9

Shostakovich – String Quartet No. 8

Ravel – String Quartet in F Major

Orion Weiss and Friends – November 13

Orion Weiss, piano

Bach – Trio Sonata in C Minor from *The Musical Offering*

Franck – Piano Quintet in F Minor

Wind Quintet and Trio – December 18

Villa-Lobos – Trio for Oboe, Clarinet and Bassoon
Maslanka – Wind Quintet No. 3

Scottish Songs – January 22

Susan Platts, mezzo-soprano

Brahms – Two Songs for Voice, Viola and Piano

Schubert - *Auf Dem Strom*

Beethoven – Selected Songs from *Schottische Lieder*

Bramwell Tovey Plays Rhapsody in Blue – February 19

Tovey – *Pictures in the Smoke*

Gershwin – *Rhapsody in Blue* (Whiteman arrangement)

Schumann and Brahms – April 23

Schumann – *Märchenerzählungen (Fairy Tales)*, Op. 132

Brahms – Piano Quartet No. 3 in C Minor

In addition to the programs on Sarasota Orchestra's hallmark series, Bramwell Tovey will conduct two special concerts: The Thrill of a Lifetime and a Gala performance featuring special guest Yo-Yo Ma.

Thrill of a Lifetime – February 18

Bramwell Tovey, conductor | Sarasota Youth Philharmonic

Gala – March 2

Bramwell Tovey, conductor | Yo-Yo Ma, cello

Dvořák – Cello Concerto

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:

- Photography of select guest artists for the 22-23 season is available at:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/n980wyn7mb4tzuy68psmb/h?dl=0&rkey=phy0t0l2oyrss8dgaw2q3yljw>
- Additional high-resolution images for Sarasota Orchestra are available at:
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