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## **Sarasota Orchestra Receives Grant from The Exchange**

**SARASOTA, FL – July 11, 2022** – Sarasota Orchestra has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from The Exchange. Grant funds will support the 2022-2023 Young Person’s Concerts.

Sarasota Orchestra’s Young Person’s Concerts began in 1953 and feature live concert performances by the Sarasota Orchestra for 4th and 5th grade students. In addition to the field trip to hear the Sarasota Orchestra perform in October 2022, an interactive study guide is created for Sarasota and Manatee County teachers. These lesson plans enrich the students’ knowledge of the music beyond the concert.

“We are grateful for the tremendous support from The Exchange which helps ensure that nearly 9,000 students are able to attend the Young Person’s Concerts. For many, this concert is their first exposure to classical music,” said Sarasota Orchestra President and CEO Joseph McKenna.

Sarasota Orchestra’s mission is to engage, educate and enrich our community through high-quality, live musical experiences. 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. <http://sarasotawex.com/>

**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](http://www.SarasotaOrchestra.org).

**Images Available:**

- High-resolution photography is available at [www.sarasotaorchestra.org/download](http://www.sarasotaorchestra.org/download)

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