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**Sarasota Orchestra Continues Outdoor Concert Series,
On the Road with SO: Parks and Partners**

*Small ensembles will perform free concerts outdoors at local parks in
Sarasota and Manatee counties*

SARASOTA, FL – October 21, 2021 – Today, Sarasota Orchestra announced the concert schedule for the second season of its On the Road with SO: Parks and Partners series of free outdoor concerts for the community. The eight-concert chamber music series showcases musicians of the Orchestra in public parks and partner venues across Sarasota and Manatee counties. This year, the series includes two performances specifically designed for children and families. The opening concert takes place at G.T. Bray Park in Bradenton featuring the Sarasota Brass Quintet on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

“The Parks and Partners series offers an opportunity for our organization to further our mission to engage, educate and enrich our community through high-quality, live musical experiences,” said Joseph McKenna, President and CEO, Sarasota Orchestra.

The series received much recognition for the special impact it made during the height of venue closures and limited performance opportunities for arts lovers last season. The Orchestra’s initiative was recently announced as a finalist for the Impact100 SRQ awards. It is supported in part by the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, and Sherry and Thomas Koski.

Capacity at the outdoor venues is limited. Admission is free at all locations, but attendees are required to register for each performance to reserve a space. Registration will open one month

prior to each concert. Registration links and additional information about the Parks & Partners series, venues, and parking are available at <https://www.sarasotaorchestra.org/concerts/parks-and-partners>.

Concert Schedule

Sarasota Brass Quintet
Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 2:30pm
G.T. Bray Park Amphitheater

Sarasota Brass Quintet
Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 2:30pm
Nathan Benderson Park Pavilion

Sarasota Wind Quintet – Children’s Performance
Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 2:30pm
Nathan Benderson Park Playground

Sarasota Brass Quintet
Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 2:30pm
The Bay Park’s Civic Green, north of the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium

Sarasota Brass Quintet
Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 2:30pm
Payne Park Outdoor Amphitheater

Sarasota Wind Quintet
Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 2:30pm
G.T. Bray Park Amphitheater

Sarasota Wind Quintet – Children’s Performance
Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:30pm
Payne Park Playground

Sarasota Brass Quintet
Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 2:30pm
Bay Preserve at Osprey, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast

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:

- On the Road with SO: Parks and Partners series image is available via Dropbox here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/cwib0qfyycidi8s/On%20the%20Road%20with%20SO%20Parks%20and%20Partners.png?dl=0>
- High-resolution photography is available at www.sarasotaorchestra.org/download

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