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Sarasota Orchestra Receives Grant from Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Sarasota, FL - October 2019: Sarasota Orchestra was awarded a \$50,000 Arts Appreciation grant from Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

The Sarasota Orchestra's mission is to engage, educate and enrich our community through high-quality, live musical experiences. The grant will support Sarasota Orchestra's 2019-2020 Season, including performances in a variety of formats, from Masterworks to Pops to Discover Beethoven and Great Escapes.

"Sarasota Orchestra congratulates Gulf Coast Community Foundation on their 25th anniversary. We are thankful for this Arts Appreciation grant and for Gulf Coast's support for the arts in our region," said Sarasota Orchestra President/CEO Joseph McKenna.

The grant also supports Sarasota Orchestra's extensive education programs for three surrounding counties. Approximately 325 students participate in eight ensembles comprising the Sarasota Youth Orchestras. The two-week Summer Music Camp provides music education to an additional 250-275 students. Finally, nearly 9,000 area fourth and fifth graders utilize a year-long curriculum guide in conjunction with a live orchestral performance of the Young Person's Concerts.

Images:

High resolution photography is available on the Sarasota Orchestra media page <https://www.sarasotaorchestra.org/download>.

About Gulf Coast Community Foundation:

For 25 years, together with its donors, Gulf Coast Community Foundation has transformed our region through bold and proactive philanthropy. Gulf Coast is a public charity that was created in 1995 through the sale of the Venice Hospital. Since then, it has become the philanthropic home of nearly 1,000 families, individuals, organizations, and businesses that have established charitable funds there, and has invested over \$340 million in grants in the areas of health and human services, civic and economic development, education, arts and culture, and the environment. Learn more at GulfCoastCF.org

About Sarasota Orchestra:

For 71 years, Sarasota Orchestra has been engaging music lovers from around the region, and visitors from around the world. The Orchestra performs more than 125 classical, Pops, education and community engagement concerts each year, and thrives as the oldest continuing orchestra in the state of Florida. Youth programs provide concert experiences for about 10,000 students per year, and includes an extensive youth orchestra program of eight ensembles with 325 students. The Sarasota Music Festival is a world-renowned performance and teaching festival that attract young musicians and faculty from across the globe each June. For further information, please visit www.sarasotaorchestra.org

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