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**MEDIA ALERT:**

**Sarasota Music Festival Announces Changes to 2021 Schedule**

**SARASOTA, FL – May 19, 2021** – Sarasota Orchestra announces changes to the upcoming Sarasota Music Festival (SMF), which will take place over eight days in June 2021. The festival will still include the four scheduled concerts and a lecture and will showcase faculty artists and former fellows. There have been some changes to the artists and musical selections.

**Revised Sarasota Music Festival 2021 Schedule:**

**Concert 1** | Voices of the Violin | Saturday, June 12 | 7:30 p.m.

Angelo Xiang Yu, violin and Feng Niu, piano

Mozart: Violin Sonata No. 18 in G Major

Britten: Suite for Violin and Piano

Beethoven: Violin Sonata No. 5 in F Major, “Spring”

**Lecture** | Sunday, June 13 | 4:00 p.m.

“The Romantic Revolution”

Jeffrey Kahane, Festival Music Director

**Concert 2** | Majestic Cello | Wednesday, June 16 | 7:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Kahane, piano and Clive Greensmith, cello

Brahms: Cello Sonata No. 1 in E Minor

Brahms: Cello Sonata No. 2 in F Major

**Concert 3** | Dedications | Friday, June 18 | 7:30 p.m.

Angie Zhang, piano

Clara Schumann: Variations on a Theme of Robert Schumann

Caroline Shaw: *Gustave le Gray*

Chopin: Sonata No. 3 in B Minor

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**Concert 4** | Calidore Quartet | Saturday, June 19 | 7:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Kahane, piano

Calidore String Quartet:

Jeffrey Myers, violin

Ryan Meehan, violin

Jeremy Berry, viola

Estelle Choi, cello

Schumann: Quintet in E-flat Major

Mendelssohn: Quartet No. 6 in F Minor

All concerts, programs and artists are still subject to change. All performances will follow safety protocols practiced by the Sarasota Orchestra this season.

Registration for ticket purchases is available on [www.SarasotaOrchestra.org/festival](http://www.SarasotaOrchestra.org/festival). Because seats are limited, a lottery system will be used to contact registered users for in-person concert ticket purchases. An SMF Streaming Pass is available for purchase separately from in-person concert tickets. The Streaming Pass includes access to all five Sarasota Music Festival events and is offered as a single subscription with a purchase price of \$40. Streaming access will be available for 30 days beginning June 24.

### **About the Sarasota Music Festival**

Every June since 1965 with the exception of 2020, faculty artists and pre-professional musicians have come together in Sarasota to study and perform chamber and orchestral music. Nearly 500 students worldwide audition to participate in the Sarasota Music Festival each year, but only 60 are accepted for the prestigious Festival, a program of the Sarasota Orchestra. Founded by Paul Wolfe, the Sarasota Music Festival began as a one-week event with seven guest mentors. Wolfe was its director for 42 years as the Festival garnered international acclaim. Jeffrey Kahane has served as Music Director of the Festival since 2017, attracting celebrated guest artists, including many of the Festival's own alumni. Kahane is a renowned conductor and pianist who has performed with many of the world's great orchestras. He served as Music Director of The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra for 20 seasons, the longest of any Music Director in the Orchestra's history. Prior to that, he was Music Director of the Colorado Symphony and the Santa Rosa Symphony. Kahane has recorded extensively and is a recipient of ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming in Los Angeles and Denver. He is the Professor of Keyboard Studies at USC Thornton School of Music. He was a Van Cliburn Competition finalist, winner of the Rubinstein Competition, and recipient of an Avery Fisher Career Grant.

**Additional Information** about the Sarasota Music Festival is available at [www.sarasotaorchestra.org/festival](http://www.sarasotaorchestra.org/festival). Patrons may reach the Box Office at (941) 953-3434.

### **Images Available:**

- **Images of the 2021 Sarasota Music Festival can be found here:**  
[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/se70qzvonw6kgb0/AAA2KZpJGKlvh22\\_r3AlnCFda?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/se70qzvonw6kgb0/AAA2KZpJGKlvh22_r3AlnCFda?dl=0)
- Additional high-resolution photography is available at [www.sarasotaorchestra.org/download](http://www.sarasotaorchestra.org/download).

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