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Sarasota Concert Association presents

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

with

Conductor JoAnn Falletta

Pianist Fabio Bidini

Wednesday, April 3, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

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(Sarasota, Florida) The Sarasota Concert Association's 2019 Great Performers Series season concludes with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, under the baton of JoAnn Falletta, and with solo pianist Fabio Bidini, Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The evening's program includes Borodin's Overture from Prince Igor; Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2; and selections from Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet. *Individual tickets are \$30 to \$85. Tickets and information for the Great Performers Series are available by calling 941-225-6500 or online at www.scasarasota.org.*

Hailed as a “leading force for the music of our time” for her work as a conductor, communicator, recording artist, audience builder, and champion of American composers, JoAnn Falletta serves as music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic and was acclaimed by The Washington Post as having “Toscanini’s tight control over ensemble, Walter’s affectionate balancing of inner voices, Stokowski’s gutsy showmanship, and a controlled frenzy worthy of Bernstein.” The New York Times called her “one of the brightest stars of symphonic music in America.” She recently won her third Grammy in the classical compendium category for her role as conductor on the recording “Spiritualist,” featuring the London Symphony Orchestra performing compositions by Kenneth Fuchs.

Fabio Bidini is recognized as one of the foremost pianists to have emerged from Italy since the days of Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli. After winning top prizes in numerous international competitions, his sensational success at both the Busoni and Van Cliburn International Piano Competitions launched his international career. His playing is noted for its technical wizardry and poetic lyricism.

About the Sarasota Concert Association

The Sarasota Concert Association (SCA) is a nonprofit organization that fosters greater appreciation for world-class classical music by offering the community two engaging programs from December to April. The Great Performers Series, in its 74th season, brings world-renowned orchestras and chamber groups to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall and the Riverview Performing Arts Center. The Music Matinee Series features outstanding regional artists in free community concerts in David Cohen Hall at the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center, and other venues. For more information about SCA, visit www.scasarasota.org.

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