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Sarasota Concert Association presents
Academy of St Martin in the Fields

With Jeremy Denk, piano

Thursday, February 21, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall

One of the world's most famous chamber orchestras and one of America's foremost pianists perform works by Bartók, Elgar, Albinoni, and a new commission by British composer Sally Beamish.

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(Sarasota, Florida) The Sarasota Concert Association's 2019 Great Performers Series season continues Thursday, February 21, 7:30 p.m., with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields with pianist Jeremy Denk. The evening's program includes Albinoni's Concerto Op. 5, No. 5 in A Minor, a new commission by the British composer, Sally Beamish, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 14 in E-flat Major, Elgar's Serenade for Strings, and Bartók's Divertimento for String Orchestra. *Individual tickets are \$30 to \$75. Tickets and information for the Great Performers Series are available by calling 941-225-6500 or online at www.scasarasota.org.*

The Academy of St Martin in the Fields is celebrated for its fresh, brilliant interpretations of great orchestral music. Formed by Sir Neville Marriner in 1958, the Academy quickly gained a preeminent international reputation for its distinctive, polished and refined sound. Today, the Academy is led by music director and virtuoso violinist Joshua Bell, retaining the collegiate spirit and flexibility of the original conductor-less ensemble.

Jeremy Denk is one of America's foremost pianists. Winner of a MacArthur Fellowship, and the Avery Fisher Prize, Denk was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. The New York Times lauded Denk as "a pianist you want to hear no matter what he performs, in whatever combination—both for his penetrating intellectual engagement with the music and for the generosity of his playing."

Sarasota Concert Association 2019 Great Performers Series season continues with the **Pavel Haas Quartet** (March 15 at Riverview Performing Arts Center); and the **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra**, with **Fabio Bidini**, piano (April 3 at the Van Wezel). ***For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.scasarasota.org.***

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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