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**Punta Gorda Symphony Presents Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 1*, Plus
Wagner, Dvořák, and Falla, on February 5, 2023, at Charlotte Performing
Arts Center**

The Punta Gorda Symphony features Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 1* at 7:30 PM on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Renowned pieces by Richard Wagner, Anton Dvořák, and Manuel de Falla will round out Maestro Raffaele Livio Ponti's exciting program.

The evening begins with Wagner's *Die Meistersinger, Act 1 Prelude*, which was an immediate success when first performed in 1868. Characterized by great pomp and splendor, the Prelude is notable for its complex textures, rich harmonies, and orchestration.

Dvořák's *Serenade in D Minor* is the next piece on the program. Also known as *Serenade for Wind Instruments*, it was composed in 1878 in just two weeks. The darkly rich sonorities echo Mozart's lovely serenades written a century earlier, while creating a uniquely Czech-sounding work.

Written by one of Spain's greatest composers of the early 20th century, Falla's *El Amor Brujo: Ritual Fire Dance*. The music is full of Spanish inflections and guitar-like textures, as well as a relentless and frenetic energy. Falla achieves a fusion of poetry, asceticism, and ardor that represents the spirit of Spain at its purest.

The evening concludes with one of Tchaikovsky's personal favorites, his *Symphony No. 1*, also known as "*Winter Daydreams*." This piece is characterized by charming melodies and vivid orchestration, and concludes with exhilarating orchestral fireworks.

Performances are held at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda. To purchase concert tickets or season subscriptions, visit: <https://www.pgsymphony.org/>

EVENT INFORMATION:

What: Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 1*

Where: Charlotte Performing Arts Center (CPAC), 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda

When: Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 7:30 PM.

Tickets: \$35 - \$65 Adult. \$15 Youth / Student. Tickets available online at www.PGSymphony.org/performances, or by calling the Symphony office at 941-205-5996

TICKETING

Tickets to Punta Gorda Symphony concerts are on sale and available online or by calling the office at 941-205-5996. For tickets, concert descriptions, and further information, please visit www.PGSymphony.org/performances.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Punta Gorda Symphony is following the latest guidelines and requirements for indoor events set by concert venues, and by local and state health officials. All requirements before and during attendance will be strictly enforced for the health and safety of patrons, musicians, and symphony staff. As of December 27, 2022, tickets are being sold in a full-capacity, non-socially distanced format. Punta Gorda Symphony acknowledges that pandemic conditions can change rapidly; other safety mandates may be implemented for indoor attendance including, potentially, the required use of facial coverings.

2022/23 SEASON AT A GLANCE

MAINSTAGE CONCERTS at 7:30 PM

February 5, 2023: Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 1* / CPAC

March 5, 2023: Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 – **Soloist Roman Rabinovich** / CPAC

April 2, 2023: Cinematic Sounds, with festive after-party / Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center

JAZZ ON THE LAWN at 4:00 PM at Florida SouthWestern State College, Charlotte Campus

February 18, 2022: Lew Del Gatto & Friends

March 18, 2022: Randy Sandke & Friends

OTHER EVENTS

COMPOSERS LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 11 AM - 1 PM – \$30 per person, includes lunch and wine.

Isles Yacht Club, 1780 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda

Composers Luncheons are held prior to each Punta Gorda Symphony Mainstage Concert weekend. A Punta Gorda Symphony musician, joined by local pianist Judy Kaff, will lead a discussion of composer history and points of interest, focusing on the music of the upcoming concert program. The duo will also play excerpts to entice and prepare an audience for the full concert experience. Lunch and a glass of wine are included, as well as the characteristic camaraderie of the Symphony Friends who sponsor the Luncheon. Call 941-205-5996 or go to www.PGSymphony.org/performances to purchase tickets.

BEHIND THE NOTES

Friday, February 3, 2023, at 5 PM - 6 PM – FREE – Open to the public.

Punta Gorda Charlotte Library, 401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda

Maestro Raffaele Livio Ponti shares his insights and experiences with the music on our upcoming concert program at “Behind the Notes.” Attendees will gain a fresh appreciation for familiar works on the program and discover new parts to listen for in the concert. This lively and entertaining discussion is an opportunity to explore music in a format audiences can see nowhere else.

MUSICAL CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 6:30 - 7:00 PM – FREE to concert ticket holders.

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita Street, Punta Gorda

Concert ticket holders can continue their music appreciation through this regularly scheduled pre-concert talk. Musical conversations will include an interview with Maestro Raffaele Livio Ponti to illuminate the music on the evening's program.