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ANNOUNCING SEASON 12 Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra

January 30, 2020, VERO BEACH – The Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra announces the 2020 concert dates for the twelfth season since the Orchestra’s inception. Two performances will be held at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center at 1707 16th Street in Vero Beach.

Colbert Page Howell returns as Conductor, joined by returning Concertmaster Matt Stott. “We are continually honored to have these two men bring their professional expertise to our orchestra,” said Joel Gratwick, President of the Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra’s Board of Directors.

The first concert of the series features *Piano Concerto No. 2* by Rachmaninoff, featuring piano soloist John Korczynski, and Beethoven’s *Symphony No. 4*. It will take place Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 2:00pm.

Concert No. 2 will present Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3, featuring piano soloist Joana Gonzalez, and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7. This performance will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2019, at 2:00pm.

Mark your calendars for what looks to be two very exciting concerts this spring. There is no ticket required. Admission is free, a suggested donation of \$10 is greatly appreciated.

The Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra, directed by Colbert Page Howell, was formed to provide for the cultural enrichment of Indian River County by presenting two free concerts each year. The group is composed of an assortment of local musicians, ranging from high school students to seasoned professionals.

A truly unique gem in the cultural community of Indian River County, the Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra’s early history began with a pile of new violins and a crew of curious students

interested in figuring them out. Inspiration, vision, and a great entrepreneurial sense led the group's founder, Tom Fritz, a local music store owner and teacher, to move quickly to recruit more experienced players, including an extraordinary concertmaster/teacher/ and coach in Matt Stott, and an experienced conductor, Colbert Page Howell, to what was rapidly evolving into a real community orchestra.

Now, twelve years later, the Vero Beach Chamber Orchestra is the "real deal". With members ranging from professional musicians to accomplished non-professionals to excellent student players, the group occupies an unusual and highly respected position in the community. Tom Fritz's carefully curated vision of positive symbiotic relationships between adults and students, players and teachers, and performers and audiences prevails. The group performs standard classical literature twice a year to appreciative and complimentary audiences, and then donates the music to the school's string library. A portion of the proceeds are donated back to the student members in the form of awards as they go off to college. It is a unique and inspiring synergy where non-professionals can work with professionals, students with adults, and all can share in the inspiration and joy of performing great music well, for themselves and for the community!

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