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**Sarasota Concert Band Announces “A Holiday Extravaganza” Concert
at Sun City Community Hall, Featuring Rising Star,
Soprano, Jackie Stotler, a Freshman at University of Central Florida and
the World Premier Arrangement of “God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman” by Munro Sherrill**

In A Festive Concert of Holiday Music, the Sarasota Concert Band Performs Popular Songs and Musical Selections by Famous Composers, With The Memorable Voice Of Young Artist, Soprano Jackie Stotler And A New Arrangement of a Famous Carol for Band on December 11th at The Sun City Community Hall.

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What better way to get into the holiday spirit than a concert with regal brass and graceful wind instruments, clever arrangements of favorite melodies and a pure, angelic voice? That's the treat that is in store for audiences on Sunday, December 11th when the Sarasota Concert Band performs in Sun City Center with featured youth artist, Jackie Stotler.

“When you discover budding young talent such as Jackie Stotler,” says Sarasota Concert Band’s Artistic Director William Barbanera, “We like to nurture it. “Performing with a professional group such as ours helps them rise more quickly to stardom.” “And when you hear Jackie Stotler sing,” Barbanera continues, “you’ll think you’ve listened to an angel.”

Jackie Stotler is a freshman at the University of Central Florida. In her short, yet remarkable career so far, Jackie Stotler has been soloist in “The Black Spider”, (a Sarasota Youth Opera production); played the role of Amneris in “Aida” at her high school and was a featured soloist at the Florida All-State Mixed Choir (chosen out of 62 other sopranos). She also had a solo role in the Sarasota Opera’s performances of La Boheme ... both in-house as well as on tour in Naples, FL.

Stotler performs a beautiful rendition of “O Holy Night” also known as “Cantique de Noel” one of the world's most beloved Christmas carols. Written in France in the 1800's, the uplifting lyrics and melody are a perfect match for Jackie's pure, angelic voice. She also sings favorites such as “The Christmas Song” (better known for its first line, “Chestnuts roasting on an open fire”) and the legendary “White Christmas”.

The arrangement of the old carol “God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman” by local composer, arranger and award-winning high school band teacher, Munro Sherrill, promises to hold audiences spell bound with its richness of sounds and modalities.

Selections from Tchaikovsky's “Nutcracker”, Leroy Anderson's “Sleigh Ride”, and Handel's “Messiah” make for a nostalgic afternoon. The “Festive Sounds of Hanukkah”, “The 13

Days of Christmas” (no, that’s not a typo), and a “Christmas Pop Sing-a-Long” will top the day and leave audiences wanting more.

The “Holiday Extravaganza” concert is open to the public and presented on Sunday, December 11th at 2 pm in Sun City Center Community Hall at 1910 S. Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573. The cost is \$15 with reserved seating. Advanced tickets available. Cash or check at the Atrium-Kiosk or at the door on the day of the show. More information 813-642-2001.

Organization Info: Sarasota Concert Band is the preeminent symphonic band of Sarasota and Manatee Counties, performing since 1954. As a large ensemble with wind instruments and percussion, we promote good band literature that showcases music of all styles and eras. For more concert information go to www.SarasotaConcertBand.org or call 941-364-2263.

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