

**PRESS RELEASE: For Immediate Attention**

**Sarasota Concert Band Announces Annual Oktoberfest Concert  
at Phillippi Estate Park Featuring Popular Music From German Composers  
Plus, Pre-Show “The Bill Millner Trio” ... A Classic Oompah Band.**

*In An Outdoor Concert Celebrating Oktoberfest, the Sarasota Concert Band Performs Well-Known Tunes from Famous German Compositions, Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm. Also Enjoy the Warm-Up Act of Bill Millner German Trio at 1 pm. Beer, Wine, Food Vendors On Site.*

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Do you ever find yourself humming along or tapping your foot when you hear a tune you recognize? You might be amazed at how often those melodies come from a musical masterwork. The regal sounds of “Die Mesitersinger” by Wagner, the melodious themes of Offenbach, or the lyrical notes of the “Viennese Sonatina” by Mozart. You’ll hear these and more during the upcoming performance on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Sarasota Concert Band celebrates Oktoberfest with a program full of polkas, waltzes, and German marches. Listen to the sounds of Johann Strauss with the “Tritsch-Tratsch Polka” and the “Radetzky March”; Josef Strauss’ “Feuerfest” (Fire Festival Polka) and Waldteufel’s “España Waltz”.

When you throw in a dash of jazz medley titled “Satchmo!” (A Tribute To Louis Armstrong), the captivating beauty of “Danzon” (From the Ballet “Fancy Free”) by Leonard Bernstein, and the eerie harmonies of “Dance of the Witches” (from the movie “Witches of Eastwick”) by John Williams ... you have a well-rounded, highly entertaining concert for all to enjoy.

Top it off with a three piece Bavarian-style trio (accordion, trumpet, drums) playing a selection of foot stomping, thigh slapping German tunes to give this live music event an authentic festive feel. The Bill Millner German Trio is the pre-show, performing from 1 – 2:30 pm.

“When you can spend an afternoon in the fresh air, enjoying fine music and sharing a beer or a glass of wine,” says Sarasota Concert Band’s Artistic Director William Barbanera, “you know life is good!” “We are pleased to offer a wide variety of music featuring the magnificent works of German composers with a celebratory flavor of Oktoberfest.”

Music will fill the air on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> as part of Festival sARTee on the grounds of Phillippi Estate Park at 5500 Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. The concert is from 3 pm – 5 pm. The pre-show begins at 1 pm. The cost is \$5 per person with children 12 and under free. Tickets are available at the gate and online at [www.SarasotaConcertBand.org](http://www.SarasotaConcertBand.org).

Beer, wine and food vendors will be available with a flavor of German style selections starting at 1 pm with no coolers permitted. This concert is made possible through the generosity of our sponsor Sarasota County Parks & Recreation.

**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. (941-364-2263). [www.SarasotaConcertBand.org](http://www.SarasotaConcertBand.org).

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