

# Perlman Program Notes

The Perlman Music Program's Fall 2009 Newsletter



## A MESSAGE FROM TOBY



Toby Perlman at the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Celebration

Thank you for making the 2009 summer season another huge success. We could not have done it without your support and belief in us. Our Shelter Island home is the heart and soul of the Program, and it's always difficult to leave our East End community.

This summer marked an important milestone for The Perlman Music Program: our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This achievement was honored with a magnificent celebration concert and dinner at the home of Susan Dusenberry in North Haven. The concert featured over 76 current students and alumni (by far the largest PMP group ever assembled) playing in orchestra and singing in chorus. The chorus sang movements from Mozart's Requiem and the orchestra performed Tchaikovsky and a special arrangement of John Williams' Air and Simple Gifts, originally composed for the 2009 Presidential Inauguration. In addition, Itzhak performed chamber music with a small group of alumni.

Of course, this concert was just one part of a summer filled with concerts and activities. Our *Summer Music School* had 36 violin, viola, cello, and bass students come from all over the world to work with our world renowned faculty. For six and half busy weeks, students practiced for four hours each morning, played chamber music, rehearsed in the orchestra and chorus, performed on *Works in Progress* concerts, explored the world of contemporary music, presented our annual Children's Concert (complete with a musical skit based on "Peter Pan" featuring Itzhak as Captain Hook and I was his pirate sidekick), studied Mozart opera and Schubert lieder, and gave three off-island community run-out concerts.

This was followed closely by our *Chamber Music Workshop*. The sixteen day Workshop has established itself as the place to be for college students wanting to study chamber music. This summer's Workshop featured eight public masterclasses, a joint faculty and student chamber music concert at the Old Whalers Church in Sag Harbor, four spectacular final student concerts, and a special outreach concert at the nearby Quinipet camp grounds.

While you would think such a busy summer would be enough for one year, we also have a full winter season scheduled as part of our *Yearlong Mentorship Program*. We will once again present a concert series to the public at both The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Neue Galerie New York.

In addition, I am particularly excited to announce a new residency for spring of 2010 in Jerusalem, Israel. For nearly three weeks, twenty of our college-level alumni will combine with twenty students from the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music in Tel-Aviv and the Jerusalem Academy of Music and



Dance in Jerusalem. While staying at the YMCA in Jerusalem, students will have the opportunity to work with both Israeli and PMP faculty, perform throughout the country, and learn about each other's cultures and classical music traditions. It's the type of trip that is sure to have a long lasting-impact.

So as you can see, we're pretty busy. But none of this would be possible without the support and hard work of our friends and supporters. While our programs continue to grow and flourish, it becomes increasingly difficult to raise the funds we need to fully support the talents of our extraordinary students. We need your help now more than ever, so that we can continue to develop the next generation of classical music leaders.

Thank you for believing in us and investing in our future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Perlman".



The students, faculty, and staff of the Summer Music School join the Cumming and Stark families at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cumming Stires-Stark Practice Facility on Shelter Island.

## FALL 2009 MEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Join as a *Patron* member and receive invitations to hear our talented musicians perform at these upcoming members-only concerts and programs.

**Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 8 p.m.**

Itzhak Perlman and Alumni play chamber music at  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

**Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Donor Recognition* and *Works in Progress* at the Perlman's home

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

Neue Galerie New York Concert

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

Neue Galerie New York Concert

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7 p.m.**

Neue Galerie New York Concert

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- tickets to the Neue Galerie and Met Museum concert series
- reserved seating at *Works in Progress* concerts on Shelter Island
- invitations to private events at the Perlman's home
- acknowledgement in all PMP publications
- and so much more...

*For more information, call our Membership office at 212.877.5045.*

### FUN FACTS about the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Reunion Weekend

This summer marked an historic moment, as we welcomed over 80 students and alumni to the Shelter Island campus.

In all, we had:

- 43 *Chamber Music Workshop* students
- 19 returning violins
- 8 returning violists
- 8 returning cellists
- 4 returning double bassists
- 4 returning pianist

Mr. Perlman conducted a 76-person orchestra with:

- 37 violinists
- 17 violists
- 18 cellists
- 4 double bassists

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### ABOUT THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM

As a nineteen year-old student at Juilliard, Toby Perlman began to dream of a musical institution dedicated to training the next generation of classical music leaders. Today, Toby and Itzhak Perlman have established a comprehensive supportive school, including three sophisticated programs, the *Summer Music School*, the *Chamber Music Workshop*, and the *Yearlong Mentorship Program*, all of which foster the talent and spirit of these young musicians.