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THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM HONORS ARTIST CHUCK CLOSE WITH ALEC BALDWIN AS HOST AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES APRIL 9th, 2007 AT CARNEGIE HALL

New York, NY - The Perlman Music Program (PMP) is pleased to announce its 2007 Annual Benefit Concert and Dinner to be held on April 9th 2007 at Zankel Hall in Carnegie Hall. At this special event, The Perlman Music Program will honor artist Chuck Close as the recipient of the First Annual *PMP Arts Make Music Award* For Outstanding Contributions to the Arts.

Actor and comedian Alec Baldwin will serve as the evening's Host and Master of Ceremonies. Adam D. Weinberg, Alice Pratt Brown Director of the Whitney Museum of American Art will present Chuck Close with the award.

As supporters of The Perlman Music Program, Chuck Close and Alec Baldwin join ranks with Steven Spielberg, David Geffen, Ronald S. and Jo Carole Lauder, and Jim Clark, all of whom have demonstrated outstanding generosity to PMP over the years.

The evening will begin with an orchestral program performed by students of the Perlman Music Program and conducted by world-renown violinist Itzhak Perlman. This concert will be immediately followed by a Benefit Dinner in the Rohaytn Room.

Proceeds from The Annual Benefit Concert and Dinner go to support The Perlman Music Program.

The Perlman Music Program was established by Toby Perlman in 1993 to provide a positive learning environment and a world-class faculty, led by Itzhak Perlman, for exceptionally promising young violin, viola, cello, and bass students. Through intensive summer programs, year-round mentoring, and on occasion, an international study/performance tour, the program offers unparalleled musical training for students, ages 12 to 30, who play the violin, viola, cello, bass and piano. With a faculty led by Itzhak Perlman and comprising some of the most gifted musical minds of our time, the Program offers an artistic and personal experience that changes students' lives forever.

The Perlman Music Program has quickly developed an international reputation as a leader in the field of classical music training institutions. Our television coverage has included "60 Minutes", "Live from Lincoln Center", and "Perlman in Shanghai", a documentary on PMP's 2002 tour to China aired frequently on PBS. In addition, in 2002 The New York Times featured PMP in a three-day, front page series.

Events such as the Annual Benefit Concert and Dinner provides performance opportunities for talented PMP students and serve as fundraisers for the program, which must raise \$1.3 million annually to maintain a prestigious faculty and an idyllic campus on Shelter Island, New York for the summer session.

For more information about the benefit dinner, please contact Maureen M. Nash, Director of Development at 212-877-3230, or at mnash@perlmanmusicprogram.org. Concert tickets are available at the Carnegie Hall Box Office, 154 West 57th Street, or can be charged to major credit cards by calling CarnegieCharge at 212-247-7800 or by visiting the Carnegie Hall website, www.carnegiehall.org.

The Perlman Music Program Mission

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