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**THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM
SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL AND CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP
CONCERTS AND BENEFITS**

Shelter Island, NY – It is with great pleasure that The Perlman Music Program (PMP) announces its return of the *Summer Music School (SMS)*, an intensive six week residency program on Shelter Island. The program offers music students, ages 12-18, the opportunity to develop their talents in a rigorous yet non-competitive environment where the development of the whole person is foremost at hand.

The *Works in Progress* concerts play an important role in the *Summer Music School*. These informal concerts give students the opportunity to perform and polish pieces they are currently studying with PMP faculty and provide students with a supportive and nurturing environment where they are free to take artistic risks without feeling the pressure associated with a formal recital. On Saturday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m., we are hosting a Kick-off concert, with a casual wine reception beforehand. *Works in Progress* concerts are held on Friday and Saturday evenings and are open to the public. This summer's *Works in Progress* concerts will be held on June 18, 19, 25, July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 28, 30, 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shelter Island Campus located at 73 Shore Road in Shelter Island.

Our Faculty Concert will be held on Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. This concert is a great opportunity to see the stellar faculty of PMP perform. The concert will be held at the Shelter Island Campus located at 73 Shore Road.

On Sunday, July 4 at 11:30 a.m., PMP will host a Children's Concert at the Shelter Island Campus located at 73 Shore Road in Shelter Island. This event, aimed at exposing young children to classical music, features a brief concert and the opportunity for audience interaction with the student musicians and their instruments during the instrument "petting zoo" after the concert.

On Saturday, July 24th, Annette and Ian Cumming will host the Annual Summer Benefit at their magnificent waterfront estate in **East Hampton, NY**. The Benefit will celebrate the mission of PMP, and the kick-off for The Campaign for The Perlman Music Program. The Annual Summer Benefit is the culmination of the summer events, and features an orchestra and chorus performance, followed by dinner under the stars.

The *Tutti Suonare* Weekend will be held on Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14. On Friday, August 13, the concert at the historic Old Whalers Church located at 44 Union Street in **Sag Harbor, NY at 7:00 p.m.**, will feature our CMW faculty, including Paul Katz, Merry Peckham, Itzhak Perlman, Roger Tapping, Don Weilerstein, and Vivian Hornik Weilerstein, as well as all of the students of the *Chamber Music Workshop*. On Saturday, August 14, the concert will be held at the Jewish Center of the Hamptons in **East Hampton, NY at 8:00 p.m.**

Additionally, the Program will present its sixth *Chamber Music Workshop* (CMW), from August 9 – August 23. CMW is an intensive two and a half-week workshop focused entirely on the study and performance of chamber music and literature for young artists ages 18-30. The *Chamber Music Workshop* offers Masterclasses with PMP Faculty on August 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 at 7:00 p.m. The CMW Final Student Concerts will take place on **Saturday, August 21 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**, and **Sunday, August 22 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** at the Shelter Island Campus located at 73 Shore Road in Shelter Island. All of these concerts are open to the public. Recently, the New York Times called alumni of the program “a parade of superb young chamber music players.”

New this season, PMP has added a new Alumni Festival on August 7, 26, 27, 28, 29 and September 4, held at 73 Shore Road, Shelter Island Campus. This is the first time that the Shelter Island campus will host events and concerts through Labor Day, as all previous years were dark at this time.

BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded by Toby Perlman 16 years ago, The Perlman Music Program offers unparalleled musical training to young string players of rare and special talent. With a world-class faculty led by Itzhak Perlman, the New York City and Shelter Island, NY based program seeks to develop the future leaders of classical music, all within a nurturing and supportive musical community.

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.

For more information about joining the Benefit Committee for the Annual Summer Benefit, please contact Maureen M. Nash, Director of Development at 212-877-3230, or at mnash@perlmanmusicprogram.org. For more information on concerts, and for directions to the Shelter Island Campus, visit www.perlmanmusicprogram.org or call 212-877-5045.

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