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**THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM  
ANNUAL SUMMER BENEFIT  
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010 CONCERT AND DINNER AT THE HOME OF  
ANNETTE AND IAN CUMMING**

**East Hampton, NY** – It is with great pleasure that The Perlman Music Program (PMP) announces its Annual Summer Benefit to take place on Saturday, July 24, 2010. The event will be held at the beautiful waterfront home of Annette and Ian Cumming, who are also generously underwriting the event.

The event will welcome such guests as **Arlene and Alan Alda, Alec Baldwin, Billy Joel, Toby and Itzhak Perlman, Laura Sloate, and Sidney and Morgan Stark**, and other notable attendees. The concert will feature the PMP String Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Maestros Itzhak Perlman and Patrick Romano.

The Benefit Committee includes all of the members of PMP's Board, including **Randall Blank, Heidi Castleman, Jay Dweck, Marjorie Fisher, Laura Sloate and Morgan Stark**. The committee is proud to sponsor such a monumental event for The Perlman Music Program, and to celebrate the kick-off for The Campaign for The Perlman Music Program.

The benefit will serve as a kick-off celebration for The Campaign for The Perlman Music Program. The campaign will allow PMP to focus on the significant structures on campus, and evaluate the campus' changing infrastructure needs. In just a few years, PMP has completed three serious capital projects including a faculty cabin, a wellness center for students and faculty, and the Cumming Stires-Stark Practice Facility. The Annual Summer Benefit is a highlight of the summer season not only for PMP, but for the East End community. While the event has become a tradition not to be missed, this year's Benefit also celebrates some milestones: ten years at the Shelter Island campus, the second year holding the Summer Benefit on the South Fork, and the first year holding the benefit in East Hampton. The generosity by those participating in this year's event will help PMP maintain and enhance its beautiful 80 year-old summer campus on Shelter Island.

**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 PMP Summer Benefit Committees, please contact Maureen M. Nash, Director of Development at 212-877-3230, or at [mnash@perlmanmusicprogram.org](mailto:mnash@perlmanmusicprogram.org). For more information on concerts, and for directions to the Shelter Island Campus, visit [www.perlmanmusicprogram.org](http://www.perlmanmusicprogram.org) or call Mandy Jacobs at 212-877-5045.

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