

# The Perlman Music Program

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## THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM ANNOUNCES A NEW ALUMNI SPRING FESTIVAL, FEATURING CONCERTS IN SHELTER ISLAND, GREENPORT AND EAST HAMPTON OVER MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, MAY 6-8, 2011.

**New York, NY** – Three alumni from The Perlman Music Program have been selected to perform and compete in the internationally acclaimed Tchaikovsky Competition in Russia in June 2011. The musicians, violinists **Tessa Lark** and **Eric Silberger** and cellist **Jacqueline Choi**, will return to the Program's Shelter Island campus this May to prepare for the competition. While studying with Itzhak Perlman, they will also rehearse and perform with pianists John Root and Mariko Furukawa.

The Perlman Music Program has partnered with venues in Shelter Island, Greenport, and East Hampton to present the performers in five different programs comprised of the classical masterworks that they will perform at the Tchaikovsky Competition. All five concerts will be free and open to the public.

The Perlman Music Program specially designed this new Spring Festival to prepare these three alumni for the prestigious and demanding Tchaikovsky Competition. Like the year-round *Alumni Concerts and Mentorship Program* in New York and the *Alumni Concerts Festival* in Shelter Island, this program provides alumni with a supportive and nurturing environment where they can perform and polish pieces in front of an audience.

### Schedule of Performances

**Tessa Lark** and **Eric Silberger**, violin, with **John Root**, piano  
**Jacqueline Choi**, cello, with **Mariko Furukawa**, piano

*Friday, May 6, at 3:30 p.m.*

#### **Peconic Landing**

1500 Brecknock Road, Greenport. RSVP via phone: 631.477.3800 or email: [info@peconiclanding.com](mailto:info@peconiclanding.com)

*Friday, May 6, at 8:00 p.m.*

#### **St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

26 St. Mary's Road, Shelter Island. RSVP via phone: 631.749.0770

*Saturday, May 7, at 3:30 p.m.*

#### **The Ram's Head Inn**

108 Ram Island Drive, Shelter Island. RSVP via phone: 631.749.0811 or email: [info@shelterislandinns.com](mailto:info@shelterislandinns.com)

*Saturday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m.*

**The Shelter Island Presbyterian Church**

32 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island. Phone: 631.749.0805

*Sunday, May 8, at 4:00 p.m.*

**The Jewish Center of the Hamptons**

44 Woods Lane, East Hampton. RSVP via phone: 631.324.9858 or email: [office@jcoh.org](mailto:office@jcoh.org)

**All Concerts are free of charge and open to the public.**

**BACKGROUND**

Founded by Toby Perlman 17 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.

Since its first two-week session in 1993, PMP has grown into a sophisticated series of programs that include the six-week *Summer Music School*; the two and a half-week *Chamber Music Workshop*; the *Sarasota Winter Residency*; the year-round *Alumni Concerts and Mentorship* program; and the new *Alumni Concerts Festival*, founded in the summer of 2010. Over the years, these programs have been enhanced by international tours, including the *Israel Residency* in May 2010. Today, Toby and Itzhak Perlman have established a comprehensive, supportive program that fosters the talent and spirit of young musicians around the world. They have created an environment where young musicians feel welcome and supported, where musical talent is nurtured in a rigorous yet noncompetitive fashion, and where concern for the development of the whole person is always foremost.

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**The International Tchaikovsky Competition**, first held more than 50 years ago, is one of the major competitions in the international music community. It is held once every four years in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia. This year, 122 musicians will compete in four categories: violin, cello, piano and voice.

Participation by previous generations of musicians, including Dmitri Shostakovich, David Oistrakh, Mstislav Rostropovich, and Georgy Sviridov, have enabled scores of young people from many countries to gain international prominence and to become established luminaries of the world's leading concert stages. Past editions have spawned such renowned musicians as pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy; violinists Viktor Tretiakov and Gidon Kremer; cellists David Geringas and Antonio Meneses; and singers Elena Obraztsova and Deborah Voigt.

For performers' biographies, photos, and further information, please visit our website: [www.perlmanmusicprogram.org](http://www.perlmanmusicprogram.org) or contact Anna Kaplan via phone 212.877.5045 or email: [specialevents@perlmanmusicprogram.org](mailto:specialevents@perlmanmusicprogram.org)

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