

# The Perlman Music Program

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## THE PERLMAN MUSIC PROGRAM HONORS ARTISTS EMANUEL AX AND YO-YO MA MARCH 31, 2009 CONCERT AT CARNEGIE HALL AND DINNER AT DANIEL

**New York, NY** - The Perlman Music Program (PMP) is pleased to announce its 2009 Annual Benefit Concert and Dinner to be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. This historic concert will be held at Carnegie Hall where Emanuel Ax, Yo-Yo Ma and Itzhak Perlman will perform a once-in-a-lifetime chamber music recital followed by a Benefit Dinner at Daniel.

The Perlman Music Program will honor artists Emanuel Ax and Yo-Yo Ma with the *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PMP Arts Make Music Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts*.

The evening will begin with an unforgettable performance of chamber music by world-renown pianist Emanuel Ax, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and violinist Itzhak Perlman. The program for the evening will feature two Mendelssohn pieces; the first being a Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Opus 49 and the second, Piano Trio, No. 2 in C Minor, Opus 66. The shared musical talent of all three musicians will bring forth an exceptional performance for all. The concert will be immediately followed by a Benefit Dinner at Daniel, honoring musical artists Emanuel Ax and Yo-Yo Ma as recipients of the *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PMP Arts Make Music Award for Outstanding Contribution of the Arts*.

The Dinner provides the opportunity for all of PMP's supporters to gather in celebration of the Program's continued growth and accomplishments. This special dinner, held at Daniel, is a perfect compliment to a wonderful evening filled with memorable music and exquisite food. Daniel, located on 65<sup>th</sup> Street (between Madison and Park Avenue), is an establishment that The New York Times raves as, "One of New York's most sumptuous dining experiences."

Benefit Committee members include: Eleanor and Garrett Albert, Emanuel Ax, Christine and Randall Blank, Ann and Michael Bunyaner, Ian and Annette Cumming, Shoshana and Jay Dweck, Marjorie Fisher, Howard Gottlieb, Fanya Heller, Helen Lee Henderson, Hermione Foundation, Suzie and Bruce Kovner, Susan Lloyd, Yo-Yo Ma, Howard Maisel and Eve France and The Maisel Family Philanthropic Fund, Mark and Icim Miller, Ron and Eilene Oehl, Pamela and Edward Pantzer, Toby and Itzhak Perlman, Carol and Lawrence Saper, Sheryl and Neil Sarnak, Morgan and Sidney Stark and the Stires-Stark Family Foundation, Herbert and Svetlana Wachtell, Elizabeth and Christopher Belisle and Watson, Farley, and Williams LLC. Proceeds from the Benefit are earmarked for The Perlman Music Program's Annual Fund.

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 or performance tour, the Program offers unparalleled music training for students, ages 12 and above, who play the violin, viola, cello, and bass. With 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 musical training institutions. 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 help fundraise for the Program, which must raise \$1.7 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 concert and benefit dinner, please contact Maureen M. Nash, Director of Development at 212-877-3230, or at [mnash@perlmanmusicprogram.org](mailto:mnash@perlmanmusicprogram.org).

### **The Perlman Music Program Mission**

The Perlman Music Program welcomes young musicians of rare and special talent into a richly supportive musical community. Through intensive summer programs, year-round mentoring, and on occasion, an international study or performance tour, the program offers unparalleled musical training for students, ages 12 to 30, who play the violin, viola, cello, and bass. 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.

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