

The Perlman Music Program



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15TH ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT CELEBRATION WEEKEND
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009 *TUTTI SUONARE* CONCERT AT
THE OLD WHALERS CHURCH, SAG HARBOR, NY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009 CONCERT AND DINNER AT
THE HOME OF SUSAN DUSENBERRY

Sag Harbor, NY - The Perlman Music Program (PMP) is thrilled to announce its **15th Anniversary Benefit Celebration** to take place on **Friday and Saturday, August 14 and 15, 2009**. This special weekend will begin Friday, August 14th at 7 p.m., with the annual *Tutti Suonare* concert which will be held at the Old Whalers Church in Sag Harbor. The concert will feature *Chamber Music Workshop* students performing with PMP's world-class teaching artists including **Paul Katz, Merry Peckham, Itzhak Perlman, Roger Tapping, Don Weilerstein, and Vivian Hornik Weilerstein**.

This exciting weekend celebration will continue the following evening, **Saturday, August 15th** at 6 p.m., with a Benefit concert and dinner at the Peter Cook designed waterfront residence of **Susan Dusenberry in North Haven**. The event will welcome such guests as **Alan Alda, Alec Baldwin, Toby and Itzhak Perlman, Joanna and Daniel Rose**, and other notable attendees. This celebration concert will feature chamber music performed by Itzhak Perlman and returning alumni, the PMP chorus, as well as a special Doo-Wop performance during dessert by Itzhak and surprise guests. Also, under the baton of Maestro Itzhak Perlman, The Perlman Music Program String Orchestra will debut **John Williams'** piece "Air and Simple Gifts" composed for the **2009 Presidential Inauguration** and specially arranged for the momentous occasion by the composer himself.

The 15th Anniversary Benefit Committee including **Barbara Gladstone, Morgan and Sidney Stark, and Steven Spielberg**, is proud to sponsor such a monumental event for The Perlman Music Program. This honorary weekend will bring together current students, alumni, and faculty along with past honorees and donors, all of whom have helped develop this Program into the wonderful success it is today. And most notably, this special weekend will honor **Toby and Itzhak Perlman** for their 15 years of tireless dedication and passion which has continued to shape new generations of classical music leaders for years to come.

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 musical training for students, ages 12 and above, 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.

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 15th Anniversary Benefit Celebration Weekend 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 15th Anniversary Benefit Celebration Weekend, please contact Maureen M. Nash, Director of Development at 212-877-3230, or at 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/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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