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Presents

Itzhak Perlman, violin
on Sunday, November 20 at 3pm
at Symphony Hall

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present **violinist Itzhak Perlman** in recital on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 3pm at Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston. This performance is sponsored by PTC.

Tickets for Itzhak Perlman's recital are priced at \$90, \$75, \$55 and \$40, and are available online at www.celebrityseries.org, by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or at the Symphony Hall box office, 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston.

This marks Itzhak Perlman's 26th performance with the **Celebrity Series of Boston**, with the most recent in 2010.

Born in Israel in 1945, violinist **Itzhak Perlman** completed his initial training at the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv. He came to New York and began his career with an appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1958. Following his studies at the Juilliard School with Ivan Galamian and Dorothy DeLay, Perlman won the Leventritt Competition in 1964. In November of 1987 he joined the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for concerts in Warsaw and Budapest, representing the first performances by this orchestra and soloist in Eastern bloc countries. He then joined the Israel Philharmonic for its first visit to the Soviet Union in April/May of 1990 and in December of 1994 he joined them again for their first visits to China and India. In December 1990, Perlman visited Russia for the second time to participate in a gala performance in Leningrad celebrating the 150th anniversary of Tchaikovsky's birth. In December 1993, Perlman visited the city of Prague in the Czech Republic to perform in a Dvorák gala concert with Yo-Yo Ma, Frederica von Stade, Rudolf Firkusny and the Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Seiji Ozawa.

Perlman has appeared as conductor / soloist with the Chicago Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Pittsburgh, Seattle and Toronto symphonies, at the Ravinia and OK Mozart festivals, with the St. Paul and New York chamber orchestras, and with the Israel Philharmonic and the English Chamber Orchestra. He was Music Advisor of the St. Louis Symphony from 2002 to 2004, and he was Principal Guest Conductor of the Detroit Symphony from 2001 to 2005. He also

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participates each summer in the Perlman Music Program and teaches at the Juilliard School, where he holds the Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation Chair.

In fall of 2011, he joins the San Francisco Symphony at Davies Hall under Music Director Michael Tilson Thomas in a gala concert to open their centennial season, and returns to the same orchestra in April 2012 on a play/conduct program. In October 2011, Mr. Perlman will travel to Asia for recitals in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau with pianist and frequent collaborator, Rohan De Silva. Other highlights of his 2011-12 season include the gala opening of the new Kaufman Center in Kansas City, Missouri with the Kansas City Symphony, a play/conduct performance with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, and recitals across North America including Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Diego and Washington, DC.

Mr. Perlman has been recognized with numerous awards, including four Emmy Awards and 15 Grammy awards. President Reagan granted him a "Medal of Liberty" in 1986, and President Clinton awarded him the "National Medal of Arts" in December 2000. He also took part in the inauguration of President Barack Obama and in May 2007, he performed at the State Dinner for Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, hosted by President George W. Bush and Mrs. Bush at the White House. He was awarded an honorary doctorate and a centennial medal on the occasion of Juilliard's 100th commencement ceremony in 2005.

Program:

Schubert

Rondo for Violin and Piano in B minor, D. 895, Op.70 ('Rondeau brillant')

Brahms

Violin Sonata No.2 in A, Op.100

Brahms

Three Hungarian Dances

Saint-Saëns

Violin Sonata No.1 in D minor, Op.75

Additional selections to be announced from stage

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops, and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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