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ITZHAK PERLMAN

Times-Union Center | March 24, 2015

JACKSONVILLE, FL – **Itzhak Perlman** will perform at Jacksonville's Times-Union Center's Moran Theater on **Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:30PM** for one night only! Tickets are on sale now through the FSCJ Artist Series, sponsored by Chase, the official presenter of the Jacksonville show.

Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, **Itzhak Perlman** enjoys superstar status rarely afforded a classical musician. Beloved for his charm and humanity as well as his talent, he is treasured by audiences throughout the world who respond not only to his remarkable artistry, but also to his irrepressible joy for making music. **Itzhak Perlman** has established himself as a cultural icon and household name in classical music. He continues to celebrate the rich tradition of Jewish and klezmer music in the 2014-15 season, which takes him to both new and familiar major centers around the world.

Having performed with every major orchestra and at venerable concert halls around the globe, **Itzhak Perlman** was granted a Kennedy Center Honor in 2003 by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in celebration of his distinguished achievements and contributions to the cultural and educational life of the United States.

Tickets for **Itzhak Perlman in Concert** in Jacksonville start at \$42.50 at www.artistseriesjax.org, (904) 442-2929, and the FSCJ Artist Series Box Office between 10AM-5PM, Monday-Friday. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more at (904) 442-2947 or groupsales@fscj.edu.

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Born in Israel in 1945, **Itzhak Perlman** completed his initial training at the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv. He came to New York and soon was propelled to national recognition with an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1958. Following his studies at the Juilliard School with Ivan Galamian and Dorothy DeLay, he won the prestigious Leventritt Competition in 1964, which led to a burgeoning worldwide career. He has performed multiple times at the White House, most recently in 2012 at the invitation of President Barack Obama and Mrs. Obama, for Israeli President and Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree Shimon Peres; and at a State Dinner in 2007, hosted by President George W. Bush and Mrs. Bush, for Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. In 2009, **Itzhak Perlman** was honored to take part in the Inauguration of President Obama, premiering a piece written for the occasion by John Williams alongside cellist Yo-Yo Ma, clarinetist Anthony McGill and pianist Gabriela Montero.

Itzhak Perlman has further delighted audiences through his frequent appearances on the conductor's podium. He has performed as conductor with the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Boston Symphony, National Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and the symphony orchestras of Dallas, Houston, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Montreal and Toronto, as well as at the Ravinia and Tanglewood festivals. He was Music Advisor of the St. Louis Symphony from 2002 to 2004 where he made regular conducting appearances, and he was Principal Guest Conductor of the Detroit Symphony from 2001 to 2005. Internationally, **Itzhak Perlman** has conducted the Berlin Philharmonic, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, London Philharmonic, English Chamber Orchestra, and the Israel Philharmonic.

A major presence in the performing arts on television, **Itzhak Perlman** has been honored with four Emmy Awards, most recently for the PBS documentary *Fiddling for the Future*, a film about his work as a teacher and conductor for the Perlman Music Program. His third Emmy Award recognized his dedication to klezmer music, as profiled in the 1995 PBS television special *In the Fiddler's House*.

Itzhak Perlman has entertained and enlightened millions of TV viewers of all ages on popular shows as diverse as *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Sesame Street*, *The Frugal Gourmet*, *The Tonight Show*, and various Grammy Awards telecasts. His PBS appearances have included *A Musical Toast* and *Mozart by the Masters*, as well as numerous *Live From Lincoln Center* broadcasts such as *The Juilliard School: Celebrating 100 Years*. In 2008, he joined renowned chef Jacques Pépin on *Artist's Table* to discuss the relationship between the culinary and musical arts, and lent his voice as the narrator of *Visions of Israel* for PBS's acclaimed *Visions* series. One of **Itzhak Perlman's** proudest achievements is his collaboration with film composer John Williams in Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning film *Schindler's List*, in which he performed the violin solos. He can also be heard as the violin soloist on the soundtrack of Zhang Yimou's film *Hero* (music by Tan Dun) and Rob Marshall's *Memoirs of a Geisha* (music by John Williams).

In 2008, **Itzhak Perlman** was honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in the recording arts. His recordings regularly appear on the best-seller charts and have garnered 16 Grammy Awards. Mr. Perlman's most recent releases include *Eternal Echoes: Songs & Dances for the Soul* (Sony), featuring a collaboration with acclaimed cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgot in liturgical and traditional Jewish arrangements for chamber orchestra and klezmer musicians; a recording of *Mendelssohn Piano Trios* (Sony) with cellist Yo-Yo Ma and pianist Emanuel Ax; and a recording for Deutsche Grammophon with **Itzhak Perlman** conducting the Israel Philharmonic. Other recordings reveal his devotion to education, including *Concertos from my Childhood* with the Juilliard Orchestra under Lawrence Foster (EMI) and *Marita and her Heart's Desire*, composed and conducted by Bruce Adolphe (Telarc). Further recordings over the past decade have included a live

recording with pianist Martha Argerich performing Beethoven and Franck Sonatas (EMI); Cinema Serenade featuring popular hits from movies with John Williams conducting (Sony); A la Carte, a recording of short violin pieces with orchestra (EMI) and In the Fiddler's House, a celebration of klezmer music (EMI) that formed the basis of the PBS television special. In 2004, EMI released The Perlman Edition, a limited-edition 15-CD box set featuring many of his finest EMI recordings as well as newly compiled material, and RCA Red Seal released a CD titled Perlman rediscovered, which includes material recorded in 1965 by a young **Itzhak Perlman**.

Itzhak Perlman has a long association with the Israel Philharmonic and has participated in many groundbreaking tours with this orchestra from his homeland. In 1987, he joined the IPO for history-making concerts in Warsaw and Budapest, representing the first performances by this orchestra and soloist in Eastern bloc countries. He again made history as he joined the orchestra for its first visit to the Soviet Union in 1990, and was cheered by audiences in Moscow and Leningrad who thronged to hear his recital and orchestral performances. This visit was captured on a PBS documentary entitled Perlman in Russia, which won an Emmy. In 1994, **Itzhak Perlman** joined the Israel Philharmonic for their first visits to China and India.

Over the past decade, **Itzhak Perlman** has become more actively involved in music education, using this opportunity to encourage gifted young string players. Alongside his wife Toby, his close involvement in the Perlman Music Program has been a particularly rewarding experience, and he has taught full-time at the Program each summer since its founding in 1993. Mr. Perlman currently holds the Dorothy Richard Starling Foundation Chair at the Juilliard School.

Numerous publications and institutions have paid tribute to **Itzhak Perlman** for the unique place he occupies in the artistic and humanitarian fabric of our times. Harvard, Yale, Brandeis, Roosevelt, Yeshiva and Hebrew universities are among the institutions that have awarded him honorary degrees. He was awarded an honorary doctorate and a centennial medal on the occasion of Juilliard's 100th commencement ceremony in May 2005. President Reagan honored Mr. Perlman with a "Medal of Liberty" in 1986, and in December 2000, President Clinton awarded **Itzhak Perlman** the "National Medal of Arts." His presence on stage, on camera, and in personal appearances of all kinds speaks eloquently on behalf of the disabled, and his devotion to their cause is an integral part of Mr. Perlman's life.

Please contact Sarah Roy at saroy@fscj.edu or (904) 442-2933 for high-resolution photos and full bio information for Itzhak Perlman in Concert in Jacksonville.

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