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ITZHAK PERLMAN
THE REIGNING VIRTUOSO OF THE VIOLIN
RETURNS TO THE ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER WITH
A RECITAL OF AUDIENCE FAVORITES

The Superstar Violinist's Performance is part of
The 2009-2010 John S. and James L. Knight Masterworks Season's
Sanford and Dolores Ziff Classical Music Series
And the Final Performance in the Adrienne Arsht Center's
Tel Aviv at 100 Festival

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 8p.m.
Tickets \$50 - \$125
John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall

MIAMI, FL December 4, 2009 – Itzhak Perlman, widely considered one of the preeminent violin virtuosos of the 20th century, will make a special appearance, accompanied by pianist Rohan De Silva and performing a program of self-selected and audience favorites as part of the **2009-2010 JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT MASTERWORKS SEASON'S SANFORD AND DOLORES ZIFF CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES** in the John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

"We are extremely honored to have the opportunity to present the world-renowned Israeli violinist, Itzhak Perlman, whose recital marks the glorious conclusion of the Adrienne Arsht Center's *Tel Aviv at 100 Festival*, a centennial celebration of the city's greatest music and most esteemed artists, as part of our Masterworks Season," said M. John Richard, President and CEO of the Adrienne Arsht Center.

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 the irrepressible joy he communicates through music. Born in Israel in 1945, Mr. Perlman completed his initial training at the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv. He came to New York and was soon propelled into the international arena with an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1958. One year after his 1963 Carnegie Hall debut, Mr. Perlman won the prestigious Leventritt Competition, which led to a burgeoning worldwide career.

Since then, the celebrated violinist has appeared in recital and at festivals around the globe, as well as performing as a soloist with every major orchestra. In January 2009, Itzhak Perlman was honored to take part in the Inauguration of President Barack Obama, premiering "Air and Simple Gifts," which was written for the occasion by John Williams, and performing alongside cellist Yo-Yo Ma, clarinetist Anthony McGill, and pianist Gabriela Montero. Another one of Mr. Perlman's proudest achievements is his collaboration with John Williams (in which he performed the violin solos) in Steven Spielberg's film *Schindler's List*, which won an Academy Award for best score.

In addition to his recital tours throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia, in more recent years, Mr. Perlman has become a frequent presence on the conductor's podium. While currently in his second season as Artistic Director of the Westchester Philharmonic Orchestra, the maestro will also perform a two-week engagement with his homeland orchestra, the Israel Philharmonic. Additional highlights of his 2009-2010 season include recitals and concerts this winter across Florida in Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami, Naples, and Sarasota, as well as a one-night only performance with the New York Philharmonic to commemorate World Polio Day.

"Itzhak Perlman wows the crowd... the applause was thunderous... for warmth of tone and generosity of spirit he remains without peer... An ambassador of the joys of music throughout his illustrious career..." (*The Toronto Star*)

The Adrienne Arsht Center's presentation of Itzhak Perlman is sponsored in part by Diane Star Heller in loving memory of Daniel Neal Heller and his passion for classical music. Classical South Florida Radio and WPBT Channel 2 are generous media sponsors of the Sanford and Dolores Ziff Classical Music Series.

TICKETS:

Tickets for **ITZHAK PERLMAN** range from \$50 to \$125 and can be purchased through the Adrienne Arsht Center box office at 305.949.6722 or online at www.arshtcenter.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

Adrienne Arsht Center presents

**2009-2010 JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT MASTERWORKS SEASON
SANFORD AND DOLORES ZIFF CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES
ITZHAK PERLMAN**

Undoubtedly one of the greatest violinists of this or any era, four-time Emmy and 15-time Grammy Award-winner Itzhak Perlman returns to the Adrienne Arsht Center's Knight Concert Hall with a solo recital of audience favorites.

January 12, 2010 at 8 p.m.

Knight Concert Hall

**Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County
1300 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33132**

Tickets \$50 - \$125

For tickets, visit www.arshtcenter.org or call 305.949.6722

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Editor's Note:

Related high-resolution photos are available upon request.

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About the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County:

The Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is one of the world's leading performing arts organizations and venues. Made possible by Miami-Dade County's largest ever public/private-sector partnership, the Center plays host to three resident companies (Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet and New World Symphony, America's Orchestral Academy) in addition to numerous South Florida arts organizations that perform in its theaters regularly. Since opening in 2006, the Center has emerged as a leader in offering and presenting world-class programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity, as a catalyst for development in Miami, and as a host of impactful community and educational programs.

Designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli of Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, the venue is comprised of the 2,400-seat Sanford and Dolores Ziff Ballet Opera House, the 2,200-seat John S. and James L. Knight Concert Hall, the black box Carnival Studio Theater, a restored Carnival Art Deco Tower, the Peacock Foundation, Inc. Studio, the Peacock Foundation, Inc. Education Center, and the outdoor Parker and Vann Thomson Plaza for the Arts. Events impresario and restaurateur Barton G. Weiss brought his

signature style to the Center in 2009 with PRELUDE BY BARTON G, a full-service upscale restaurant open six days a week.

Visit www.arshtcenter.org for more information.