

Westchester  Philharmonic
Itzhak Perlman, Artistic Director

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WESTCHESTER PHILHARMONIC
SEASON OPENS OCTOBER 10 AND 11
ITZHAK PERLMAN CONDUCTOR AND VIOLIN

Philharmonic Anticipates Another Sold-Out Fall

(Purchase, New York) — The Westchester Philharmonic opens its second season under the baton of Itzhak Perlman with Maestro Perlman himself playing and conducting Mozart on **Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 8 pm and Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 3 pm**. Itzhak Perlman will play Mozart's Adagio in E Major and Rondo in C Major for violin and orchestra. The maestro then takes up the baton to lead Prokofiev's Symphony No. 1, and the opening weekend concludes fittingly with Berlioz's transcendent *Symphonie Fantastique*.

Following a record-shattering 2008-09 season, including five consecutive sell-outs in the fall and winter, the Westchester Philharmonic has become the hottest ticket in town. "Maestro Perlman's inaugural season was an unprecedented success for the organization, and the momentum just keeps building," said Executive Director Joshua Worby. "The response for this season's lineup is already surpassing what we experienced last year."

All events take place at The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College. Pre-concert events take place in The Concert Hall an hour and a quarter before each concert and are free for ticket holders. A free open rehearsal is also scheduled for Saturday, October 10 at 10 am in The Concert Hall.

High resolution photos are available and may be downloaded from:
www.westchesterphil.org/pressphotos.asp

Concert Tickets

All performances will take place in The Concert Hall at The Performing Arts Center Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, New York. Five and four concert subscriptions are available and range from \$357-\$89. Single tickets range from \$85-\$25. Student/child/group discounts are available.

To purchase tickets and for additional information call the Westchester Philharmonic Box Office at (914) 682-3707 ext. 10. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card accepted. Visit the Westchester Philharmonic's website at www.westchesterphil.org.

About the Westchester Philharmonic

The Westchester Philharmonic orchestra, which is led by world-renowned Artistic Director Itzhak Perlman, is the only fully-professional symphony orchestra devoted to serving the people of Westchester County. Founded in 1983 by Paul Lustig Dunkel, who was recently named Music Director Emeritus, the Philharmonic fulfills its mission in the concert hall, in the community, and in the classroom. The Philharmonic performs a main stage Concert Series at the Performing Arts Center Purchase College and partners with local agencies to present free and low-cost concerts for all County residents. Its award-winning education program serves over 2,000 elementary school students.

The orchestra is comprised of the finest musicians from the greater New York area and has worked with the world's finest soloists, including Midori, Joshua Bell, and the late Isaac Stern. With a focus on presenting the best music of the past and present, the orchestra places particular emphasis on providing young musicians with an opportunity to perform with, or compose for, a professional symphony orchestra early in their careers. The Philharmonic has become a home for living American composers and has proudly commissioned many orchestral works such as Melinda Wagner's *Concerto for Flute, Strings and Percussion*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

The orchestra is dedicated to inviting and attracting people of diverse backgrounds to its concerts and continues to explore new partnerships with local schools, libraries, and community centers, so that all in the community have the opportunity to experience the joy of a live, classical music concert.

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2009-10 Season At-a-Glance
Itzhak Perlman, Artistic Director

Itzhak Perlman, conductor and violin

Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 8 pm (*pre-concert event at 6:45 pm*)

Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 3 pm (*pre-concert event at 1:45 pm*)

Mozart: Adagio in E Major for Violin and Orchestra

Mozart: Rondo in C Major for Violin and Orchestra

Prokofiev: Symphony No. 1 ("Classical")

Berlioz: *Symphonie Fantastique*

Itzhak Perlman, conductor

Anthony McGill, clarinet

Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 8 pm

Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 3 pm

Mendelssohn: Overture to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Mozart: Clarinet Concerto in A Major

Schubert: Symphony No. 9 ("Great")

Winter Pops starring Barbara Cook

Lee Musiker, conducting

Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 3 pm

Program TBA

Alondra de la Parra, guest conductor

Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 8pm

Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 3pm

Toussaint: *Danzas de la Ciudad*

Marquez: *Danzon No. 4*

Piazzola: *Tangazo*

Villa Lobos: Aria from *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5*

Copland: *Appalachian Spring*

Itzhak Perlman, conductor

Zuill Bailey, cello

Navah Perlman, piano

Giora Schmidt, violin

Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 8pm

Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 3pm

Beethoven: Triple Concerto

Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 ("Eroica")

Concerts are presented in The Concert Hall at the Performing Arts Center Purchase College
at 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY.

Subscriptions: \$357-\$89

Single Tickets: \$85-\$25

Call for tickets: (914) 682-3707