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Itzhak Perlman—the premier violinist of our time—
to perform with Omaha Symphony

WHAT: Itzhak Perlman in concert with the Omaha Symphony
WHEN: Saturday, November 7 at 8 PM
WHERE: Holland Performing Arts Center 1200 Douglas Street
TICKETS: \$40 - \$150 Great seats still available! 402.342.3560 www.omahasymphony.org

Omaha, Neb – Itzhak Perlman, undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, will perform with the Omaha Symphony November 7 at 8 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center. One of the few classical artists to achieve genuine celebrity status, Perlman is beloved throughout the world for his tremendous talent and heartwarming charm. His playing and personality recently shined at President Obama's Inauguration Ceremony. He is equally comfortable playing on *The Tonight Show* as he is at the Holland Center. Don't miss the rare opportunity to see this living legend in concert in Omaha!

Perlman will play several crowd-pleasing pieces at the November 7 performance, including Mozart's joyful Third Violin Concerto, Kreisler's romantic *Liebesleid* and *Tambourin chinois*, and John Williams' Theme from *Schindler's List*, which he originally played in the Academy Award-winning film.

Born in Israel in 1945, he was propelled into the international arena with a 1958 appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Since then, Perlman has played with every major orchestra and in recitals and festivals around the globe. He is also a frequent presence on the conductor's podium: this season marks his second as Artistic Director of the Westchester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Itzhak Perlman in special performance with Omaha Symphony November 7

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 the Perlman Music Program and his work as a teacher. He has been a featured guest on shows as diverse as *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Sesame Street*, the Grammy Awards telecasts, and numerous *Live From Lincoln Center* broadcasts.

Perlman's recording career is equally varied and prolific. In 2008, he was honored with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in the recording arts. His albums regularly top the charts and have garnered 15 Grammy Awards. His most recent releases include an all-Mozart recording with the Berlin Philharmonic (EMI) with Mr. Perlman performing as both soloist and conductor, and a recording for Deutsche Grammophon with Mr. Perlman conducting the Israel Philharmonic.

November 7 is the Omaha area's opportunity to hear from this living legend who has performed for presidents, Her Majesty The Queen, and even *Sesame Street's* Telly! Great seats for this special concert are still available: tickets start at \$40. For more information, contact our Box Office at 402.342.3560 or visit us online at www.omahasymphony.org. Don't miss an extraordinary evening of entertainment with Itzhak Perlman and the Omaha Symphony!

The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through June. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, Chamber, Sights and Sounds, and Family series concerts, the orchestra tours both Nebraska and Iowa providing education and community engagement concerts and special events. For tickets or information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402.342.3560 or visit www.omahasymphony.org

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