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Itzhak Perlman

Mastering the Violin, Inspiring Generations: Itzhak Perlman, A Living Legend in Classical Music

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About:

- **Gender:** Male
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Speaking

Websites:

- [Personal Website](#)

Biography Highlights

- 16 Time Grammy Award-Winning Violinist
- Inspirational Speaker on the Power of Passion
- Recipient of Presidential Medal of Freedom & Genesis Prize (The Jewish Nobel)

Biography

One of the only household names in classical music today, Itzhak Perlman, undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, 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 of music-making and communicating with audiences.

Having performed with every major orchestra and at venerable concert halls around the globe, Perlman was granted a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian honor, by President Obama in 2015, a Kennedy Center Honor in 2003, a National Medal of Arts by President Clinton in 2000, and a Medal of Liberty by President Reagan in 1986. In 2009, Perlman was honored to take part in the Inauguration of President Barack Obama, premiering a piece written for the occasion by John

Williams alongside cellist Yo-Yo Ma, clarinetist Anthony McGill and pianist Gabriela Montero, for an audience of nearly 40 million television viewers in the United States and millions more throughout the world. In 2007, he performed at a 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.

A major presence in the performing arts on television, Perlman has received four Emmy Awards, including one for the PBS documentary *Fiddling for the Future*, a film about the Perlman Music Program and his work as a teacher and conductor there. Founded in 1993, the Perlman Music Program offers unparalleled musical training to young string players through intensive summer programs and mentoring.

Perlman has entertained and enlightened millions of television viewers of all ages on popular shows including *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Sesame Street*, *The Frugal Gourmet*, *The Tonight Show* and multiple Grammy Awards telecasts. During the 78th Annual Academy Awards in 2006, Perlman performed a live medley from the five film scores nominated in the category of Best Original Score for a worldwide audience in the hundreds of millions.

A documentary on Mr. Perlman, titled "Itzhak", premiered in October 2017 as the opening film of the 2017 Hamptons International Film Festival. Directed by award-winning filmmaker Alison Chernick, the enchanting documentary details the virtuoso's own struggles as a polio survivor and Jewish émigré and is a reminder why art is vital to life. The film was released theatrically nationwide in March 2018. For more information, visit www.itzhakthefilm.com.

Having garnered 16 Grammy Awards over the years with his best-selling recordings, Perlman was honored in 2008 with a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award for excellence in the recording arts.

Born in Israel in 1945, Perlman completed his initial training at the Academy of Music in Tel Aviv. He came to New York and soon was propelled into the international arena with an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1958. Following his studies at the Juilliard School, Perlman won the prestigious Leventritt Competition in 1964, which led to a burgeoning worldwide career.

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 which 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.

Videos



Itzhak's Topics

An Evening with Itzhak Perlman

For decades, **ITZHAK PERLMAN** has been inspiring audiences as the world's foremost virtuoso violinist. In an engaging conversation, Perlman will share his experiences as one of the world's most beloved figures in classical music, and discuss how after decades of performing at the very highest level, he continues to find joy, passion, and excitement in music. He will talk about how a life in music has allowed him to continue to grow, and why he chose to move into conducting and teaching. In a moderated question and answer session, Perlman will touch on a broad range of topics, from what defines genius to how he became a wine connoisseur. And he will use his violin to demonstrate the power of music to emotionally connect with an audience.

Available: In person, Virtually

Leadership & Team Building

Beyond his award-winning artistry as a violinist, Mr. **ITZHAK PERLMAN**'s skill for bringing a diverse range of musicians together to create perfection in music is an analogy for building teams in the business world. This presentation is equal parts passion, inspiration and substance and attendees will walk away rejuvenated by the possibilities of infusing their complex jobs with more spirit and collaboration.

Available: In person, Virtually

Testimonials

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It was a great day here for everyone and everyone I see is still talking about Mr. Perlman and his visit here. We had almost 2,000 guests in the venue which makes it an even bigger success for the university. Thank you for all of your hard work in helping us to have such a successful event. The entire visit was as perfect as it could possibly be.

Elon University

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