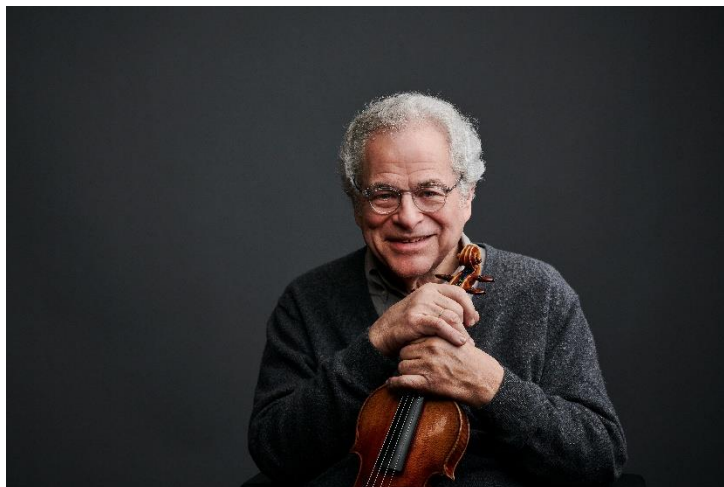


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The Cleveland Orchestra to perform with Itzhak Perlman at Blossom Music Center



CLEVELAND— The Cleveland Orchestra is excited to welcome legendary violinist [Itzhak Perlman](#) to Blossom Music Center on Thursday, July 9, as part of the [2026 Blossom Music Festival](#).

This summer performance marks Perlman’s first appearance with The Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom since 1993, bringing a beloved guest back to the festival stage after more than three decades.

Perlman opens the all-Beethoven program by performing and conducting the composer’s Romances, two lyrical and expressive works for violin and orchestra. Then, he conducts the dramatic *Egmont* Overture before leading the Orchestra in Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7, a work celebrated for its rhythmic energy and sweeping spirit.

The concert continues The Cleveland Orchestra and Perlman’s partnership, which began in 1966 and spans Blossom Music Center, Severance Music Center, Carnegie Hall, and, most recently, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County earlier this year.

The [2026 Blossom Music Festival](#) opens July 3 with a special program celebrating America’s 250th anniversary. The season features a diverse lineup of concerts including *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* on July 11 and 12, *An Evening with Idina Menzel* on July 26, *Jon Batiste with The Cleveland Orchestra* on August 20, and *Summer in Vienna* with Music Director Franz Welser-Möst on August 29.

Media Assets

Photos are available for [download here](#).

Ticket Information

Tickets are on sale now through the Severance Music Center Ticket Office by phone at 216-231-1111 or through clevelandorchestra.com. This concert is eligible for Blossom Lawn Ticket Books.

About Blossom Music Center, Summer Home of The Cleveland Orchestra

Blossom Music Center was created as the summer home of The Cleveland Orchestra and opened in July 1968 with performances of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony conducted by the Orchestra's then-Music Director George Szell. The 200-acre music park features the award winning and acoustically acclaimed Blossom Pavilion, designed by Cleveland architect Peter van Dijk and seating more than 5,000 people. The adjoining Blossom Lawn accommodates as many as 15,000 more outside on an expansive, natural bowl amphitheater of grass surrounded by bucolic woods.

In the more than half-century since Blossom's opening, headline makers and yet-to-be discovered young artists across all genres have created unforgettable musical experiences for more than 21 million concertgoers. In a typical summer, Blossom serves more than 400,000 visitors, who attend concerts ranging from rock, country, and pop to classical. Live Nation operates Blossom under a long-term contract with The Cleveland Orchestra, dividing each year between the Orchestra's Blossom Music Festival and a series of presentations from across many genres.

Located 25 miles south of Cleveland and just north of Akron, Blossom is situated in the rolling hills of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, which preserves 33,000 acres of natural parkland along the Cuyahoga River. Blossom Music Center was named to honor the Dudley S. Blossom family, who have been major supporters of The Cleveland Orchestra throughout its history. Blossom lies within the city limits of Cuyahoga Falls, an Ohio community first settled in the early 1800s, at 1145 West Steels Corners Road in Summit County.

Calendar Listing

An Evening with Itzhak Perlman

Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland Orchestra

Itzhak Perlman, *violin and conductor*

BEETHOVEN Romance No. 1

BEETHOVEN Romance No. 2

BEETHOVEN *Egmont* Overture

BEETHOVEN Symphony No. 7

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