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## **Charleston Symphony Orchestra's Merrill Lynch Masterworks Series to feature soloist Giora Schmidt**

**Charleston, SC** – The Charleston Symphony Orchestra will feature soloist Giora Schmidt (violin) at its Merrill Lynch Masterworks Series, conducted by Maestro David Stahl, on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 8pm in the Gaillard Auditorium located at 77 Calhoun Street.

*The Miami Herald* said of Giora Schmidt: “an acutely focused, gleaming sound that recalls Perlman in his prime.” Born in 1983 to professional Israeli musicians, Schmidt began playing the violin at the age of four. At 13, he met Maestro Itzhak Perlman at the Perlman Music Program and at 16 was invited by Perlman to study under him full-time at the Juilliard Pre College. Schmidt continued his studies with Perlman at the Juilliard School and also with the late violin pedagogue Dorothy DeLay.

Schmidt was the First Prize winner of Philadelphia Orchestra's Greenfield Competition in 2000, the recipient of a 2003 Avery Fisher Career Grant, and in 2005 won the Classical Recording Foundation's Samuel Sanders Award. When not touring, Schmidt is on the faculty of the Juilliard School and the Perlman Music Program.

Don't miss Giora Schmidt perform Bruch's *Violin Concerto No. 1* as part of a dazzling evening of music, including Beethoven's illustrious *Symphony No. 5*.

### Program:

Weber – Der Freischütz: Overture  
Bruch – Violin Concerto No. 1  
Soloist: Giora Schmidt, violin  
Beethoven – Symphony No. 5

Individual ticket prices range from \$20 - \$60. Student tickets available for \$5 (college students must show ID). Tickets can be purchased at the Gaillard Auditorium box office, all Ticketmaster outlets and online at: [www.charlestonsymphony.com](http://www.charlestonsymphony.com). (Convenience fees apply.)

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