

## **JOSHUA BELL** violin

With a career spanning almost four decades, GRAMMY® Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell is one of the most celebrated artists of his era. Bell has performed with virtually every major orchestra in the world, and continues to maintain engagements as a soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, conductor and as the Music Director of the Academy of St Martin in the Fields.

Bell's highlights for the 2024-25 season include the release of two new albums in August 2024: *Thomas De Hartmann Rediscovered*, featuring the World Premiere recording of Ukrainian composer Thomas De Hartmann's Violin Concerto, with conductor Dalia Stasevska and the INSO-Lviv Orchestra, as well as an album of Mendelssohn piano trios, recorded with longtime friends and collaborators Jeremy Denk and Steven Isserlis. Bell will rejoin Denk and Isserlis in November 2024 for a series of Fauré chamber concerts at Wigmore Hall. He additionally appears as guest soloist with the New York Philharmonic and Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France, and conducts and plays with the DSO Berlin.

Born in Bloomington, Indiana, Bell began playing the violin at age 4, and at age 12, began studies with his mentor, Josef Gingold. At age 14, Bell debuted with Riccardo Muti and the Philadelphia Orchestra, and made his Carnegie Hall debut at age 17 with the St. Louis Symphony. At age 18, Bell signed with his first label, London Decca, and received the Avery Fisher Career Grant. In the following decades, Bell has been nominated for six GRAMMY® awards, named "Instrumentalist of the Year" by Musical America, a "Young Global Leader" by the World Economic Forum, and has received the Avery Fisher Prize. He also received the 2003 Indiana Governor's Arts Award and in 2000 was named an "Indiana Living Legend."

Bell has performed for three American presidents and the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. He has collaborated with peers including Renée Fleming, Daniil Trifonov, Emanuel Ax, Lang Lang, Chick Corea, Regina Spektor, Chris Botti, Anoushka Shankar, Dave Matthews, Josh Groban, and Sting, among others, and has appeared three times as a guest star on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. His vast discography of 40 albums has garnered him GRAMMY®, Mercury®, Gramophone and OPUS KLASSIK awards.

Bell performs on the 1713 Huberman Stradivarius violin.

Season 2024/25 (short version)