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**The Mann Center Presents**  
**The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma**

***Celebrating 75 Years of Live Music in the Park:  
August 11 Showcases Global Music With History, Tradition and Virtuosity***

PHILADELPHIA – August 3, 2010 – PHILADELPHIA - July xx, 2010 - The Mann Center for the Performing Arts proudly welcomes The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma to the stage on August 11th. The ensemble brings a rich tradition of stunning cross-cultural performance with premier world-class musicians at the helm heralding from all corners of the globe.

**The Silk Road Ensemble**

The Silk Road Project is a not-for-profit artistic, cultural and educational organization with a vision of connecting the world's neighborhoods by bringing together artists and audiences around the globe. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma founded the Project in 1998 as a catalyst to promote innovation and learning through the arts. The Silk Road Project takes inspiration from the historical Silk Road trading route as a modern metaphor for multicultural and interdisciplinary exchange.

The Silk Road Ensemble is a collective of internationally renowned musicians, composers, arrangers, visual artists and storytellers from more than 20 countries. Each Ensemble member's career illustrates a unique response to what is one of the artistic challenges of our times: nourishing global connections while maintaining the integrity of art rooted in authentic tradition.

**Yo-Yo Ma**

The many-faceted career of cellist Yo-Yo Ma is testament to his continual search for new ways to communicate with audiences and to his personal desire for artistic growth and renewal. Whether performing a new concerto, revisiting a familiar work from the cello repertoire, coming together with colleagues for chamber music or exploring musical forms outside of the Western classical tradition, Mr. Ma strives to find connections that stimulate the imagination.

Mr. Ma is an exclusive and accomplished Sony Classical artist, and his discography of over 75 albums (including more than 15 Grammy Award winners) reflects his wide-ranging interests.

Mr. Ma established the Silk Road Project to promote the study of the cultural, artistic and intellectual traditions along the ancient Silk Road trade route that stretched from the Mediterranean Sea to the Pacific Ocean. By examining the flow of ideas throughout this vast area, the Project seeks to illuminate the heritages of the Silk Road countries and identify the voices that represent these traditions today.

Tickets for this event are \$72, \$56, \$35 or \$20 and Lawn \$15.

This performance begins at 8:00 PM.

For detailed ticket information, call 215.893.1999, visit the Mann Center box office at 52nd and Parkside Avenue in Fairmount Park, or buy online: [www.manncenter.org](http://www.manncenter.org), [www.ticketphiladelphia.org](http://www.ticketphiladelphia.org) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For ticket package information, call 215.893.1955 or visit [www.manncenter.org](http://www.manncenter.org).

Editor's Note: Photos of artists are available at <http://www.manncenter.org/news/pressroom> and upon request.

#### ABOUT THE MANN CENTER

Accessible, attractive, festive and fun, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts presents diverse, world class entertainment in a casually elegant and relaxing setting at affordable prices. The venue underwent extensive renovations in 2007, enhancing the uniquely wonderful Mann Center experience for its 173,000 visitors annually.

The summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra since the 1930's, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts, located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park, continues its rich tradition as Delaware Valley's premiere outdoor cultural arts center. Concerts and programs encompass all musical genres from pop, jazz, r & b, rock and contemporary, to dance theater, opera and classical. Dine under the stars at Stephen Starr's Crescendo, our tented restaurant overlooking the spectacular Philadelphia skyline, or spread out a picnic blanket on the lush lawn of The Mann. There are several bars and concession stands for food and beverages as well as an Encore booth for concert keepsakes.

To make reservations at Crescendo, please call 267.886.1475.

2010 Summer Season at The Mann

8/04 Rufus Wainwright with special guest Martha Wainwright  
8/07 Keane with Ingrid Michaelson & Fran Healy from Travis  
8/11 Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma  
8/13 Herbie Hancock's The Imagine Project  
8/15 MGMT with Violens  
8/28 Tony Bennett  
8/29 YO GABBA GABBA! LIVE!  
9/15 CAKE  
9/17 Pavement  
9/22 The New York Pops with Mark Nadler – Fireworks  
9/25 The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia with Fireworks

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