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**MEDIA ALERT**

**Famed Violinist Midori to Conduct Master Classes with Park U Students**  
*Free and Open to the Public at Parkville Campus on February 19th*

**WHO:** Midori is a visionary violinist, activist and educator who explores and builds connections between music and the human experience and breaks with traditional boundaries, which makes her one of the most outstanding violinists of our time. This season is the 40th anniversary of her professional debut, celebrating a remarkable career that began in 1982, when she debuted with the New York Philharmonic at age 11.

Currently celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the International Center for Music at Park University's violin department has become world-renowned under the guidance of Master instructor Ben Sayevich. With alumni violinists performing with famed orchestras world-wide (including one of Ben's former students, David Radzynski, who was recently appointed Concertmaster of The Cleveland Orchestra), the violin studio currently has seven students.

**WHAT:** Friends since 1981, Professor Sayevich and Midori met in Aspen when she was just nine years old. Just a short time later, Midori's world changed overnight when conductor Zubin Mehta invited her to perform with the NY Philharmonic in the orchestra's annual New Year's Eve concert. Midori is flying to Kansas City specifically to give masterclasses to Professor Sayevich's students at Park University. "The fact that Park University allows us to do that, this is an incredible credit to this institution and to their search for excellence," said Sayevich. The University is allowing guests to attend the free masterclasses, as long as they pre-register to attend, to encourage musicians of every age and talent level to be able to witness Midori's genius firsthand.

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 19, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Graham Tyler Memorial Chapel at Park University, 8700 NW River Park Drive, Parkville, Missouri 64152

**Admission:** Admission to the master class is free with reservation. Reservations can be made by emailing [Advancement@park.edu](mailto:Advancement@park.edu). For more information, please visit our website at [icm.park.edu](http://icm.park.edu).

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