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Internationally renowned classical violinist Aaron Rosand, one of the musical masters of our time, has energized the genre with his unique sound for more than six decades.

Mr. Rosand began playing the violin at age 3 and at 10 made his orchestral debut with the Chicago Symphony. This musical prodigy went on to become a legendary international concert violinist and also recorded more than 150 individual compositions.

Trained in the classical 19th-century style of Romantic violin music, Mr. Rosand has studied and/or performed with such musical greats as William Steinberg, Leonard Slatkin, Mstislav Rostropovich, Lorin Maazel, Fritz Reiner, Leonard Bernstein and Erich Leinsdorf.

A scholarship student of Leon Sametini at the Chicago Musical College, Mr. Rosand also studied under Efrem Zimbalist Sr. at Philadelphia's own Curtis Institute of Music, a critically acclaimed institution whose students also have included the phenomenal likes of Bernstein, Gian Carlo Menotti and Samuel Barber.

In 1981, Mr. Rosand was asked to join his alma mater as the Dorothy Richard Starling Chair of Violin Studies – a position he still holds at Curtis as he continues to perform and record throughout the world. He has modernized the Russian School of Auer and the Eugene Ysaye tradition for a new generation of violin virtuosos.

The Curtis Institute will honor Mr. Rosand's milestone birthday with a tribute concert on March 31, 2006.

It is fitting and appropriate, therefore, that the City of Philadelphia recognize with this Citation **AARON ROSAND** for his extraordinary musical accomplishments and contributions, and join his family and many friends and fans in commemorating his 80th birthday.

John F. Street, Mayor