

**Performance Iowa Goes Behind the Music in Iowa****Date:** Monday, March 1, 2010**Category:** Press Release

March 1, 2010 (Des Moines, IA) -- Iowa Public Radio announces the launch of a new show, "Performance Iowa". The show, which premieres Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m., will showcase live broadcasts of some of Iowa's best performances, as well as musicians making a special stop in Iowa and in our studios. Host Jacqueline Halbloom will also go behind the music in each broadcast with IPR's classical music team and other celebrity guests.

"Performance Iowa's" premiere show will include live performances by University of Iowa's Associate Professor of Piano, Ksenia Nosikova and UNI's Assistant Professor of Music, pianist Dmitri Vorobiev as they commemorate Chopin's 200th Birthday. This inaugural performance will be held at West Music in Coralville, Iowa. Additional performances include broadcasts from the Iowa City Jazz Festival, the Des Moines Metro Opera, Orchestra Iowa and others.

"Our goal is to connect Iowans to Iowa's rich musical landscape with this program," says Al Schares, Iowa Public Radio Music Director. "It's not just about what happens on stage; we hope 'Performance Iowa' will bring listeners closer to the music by including the views and observations of the performing artist."

"Performance Iowa" is a program of Iowa Public Radio. Iowa Public Radio informs, enriches and engages Iowans through radio programming and other media. Iowa Public Radio enhances civic and cultural connections across the state, strengthening communities and reflecting Iowa's sense of place. For more information about this or any of Iowa Public Radio's programming, call 515-725-1700 or visit [iowapublicradio.org](http://iowapublicradio.org).