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Annual Fundraiser for IVCI to Feature 2014 Silver Medalist Tessa Lark Performance with 1683 ex-Gingold Stradivari Violin

INDIANAPOLIS – The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) will host its annual **Viva il Violino** fundraiser Saturday, November 4, 2017 at D’Amore on the 48th floor of the Salesforce Tower in downtown Indianapolis. More than 70 live and silent auction items will be featured for bidding, including a magnificent two-bedroom condo stay in Victoria, British Columbia, a four-day condo stay one block from Chicago’s Gold Coast district and Lake Shore Drive, plus items such as a Baroque Pearl necklace and matching earrings set from Galaxy Bijoux, a corner-suite stay at the luxurious Conrad Hilton Hotel, and two premier tickets and free parking to the December 30 Butler University Men’s Basketball game against Villanova. This will be the final IVCI fundraiser prior to the Competition, which begins in August 2018.

In addition to the auction, cocktails and an elegant dinner overlooking downtown Indianapolis, the evening will feature 2014 IVCI Silver Medalist Tessa Lark. Ms. Lark, a native of Richmond, Kentucky, will be performing an evening of Bluegrass on the 1683 ex-Gingold Stradivari violin, on loan from the IVCI. This performance, dubbed ‘StradGrass’ by Lark, will include bassist Michael Thurber, a Juilliard-trained musician and composer, who was bassist on CBS’ “The Late Show with Stephen Colbert” from 2015-2016.

This annual benefit event raises funds for not only the IVCI Quadrennial Competition, but also its Laureate Series concerts and community education programs. It also helps support the four-year career management of the top Competition winners, a major component of the laureateship.

Tickets to the event begin at \$175 per person. Tables of eight can be purchased for \$1,400 at the Patron Level, \$2,000 at the Silver Patron Level, and \$2,500 at the Gold Patron Level. Additional benefits such as free parking, premier seating and free cocktail are given at higher levels of patronage. The Title Sponsor of Viva il Violino is KeyBank.

Contact Mary Jane Sorbera by Wednesday, October 25 at (317) 637-4574 to secure your seat, or purchase your tickets at www.violin.org.

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