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THE DANCE OF THE VIOLIN

**CAPTURES A SEMINAL CHILDHOOD MOMENT OF GRAMMY® AWARD
WINNING VIOLINIST JOSHUA BELL**

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Everyone Deserves a Second Chance

For Immediate Release:

Following the success of *The Man with the Violin*, a children's book which garnered more than twenty awards and prompted the creation of a new concert of the same title*, Annick Press will be publishing a new story on March 14th which focuses on a seminal childhood moment of internationally acclaimed, Grammy® Award-winning American violinist Joshua Bell.

Written by Kathy Stinson and illustrated by Dušan Petričić, the book focuses on what can happen when one is given *a second chance*, and is titled **The Dance of the Violin**.

As a young student of the violin, Joshua Bell learns about an international competition to be held in **Kalamazoo, Michigan**. He chooses a piece of music which his teacher suggests may be too difficult, but Joshua is determined: it's a piece of music he loves. At the competition, Joshua experiences the usual jitters. Once his name is called, he strides to the stage and begins to play, but almost immediately, he makes a mistake. As he is about to walk off the stage, he asks the judges if he could try again. They agree, and this time the playing is impeccable.

Dušan Petričić's brilliant illustrations, full of movement and color, capture the sounds of Joshua's violin from the missed notes, to the swirling, uplifting strains of the perfectly executed piece. Children will readily empathize with Joshua's misstep, but they will also learn the value of being given a second chance.

The book is based on Bell's experience as a twelve year old at the **Stulberg International String Competition**. Bell placed third, which is a remarkable achievement for someone so young playing Edouard Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*. The following year he returned and won the competition.

Kathy Stinson is the author of over 25 books for young people, including the beloved, bestselling *Red is Best* and her recent, award-winning book, also featuring Joshua Bell, *The Man with the Violin*. She lives

near Guelph, Ontario. **Dušan Petričić** is an editorial cartoonist as well as the award-winning illustrator of such children's books *at Mattland*, *Bone Button Borscht*, and *The Man with the Violin*. He lives in Zemun, Serbia.

The Dance of the Violin is for children 5-8. Publication Date: March 14th 2017, 32 pp. 8"x10", Hardcover\$19.95 CDN / \$18.95 US 978-1-55451-900-2

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*'The Man with the Violin' concert for film and orchestra made its worldwide premiere February 12, 2017 in Washington, DC's Kennedy Center. The concert featured Joshua Bell and the National Symphony Orchestra led by Michael Stern, performing music which included the premiere of The Man with the Violin composition by Anne Dudley. The Canadian premiere will take place December 20th, 2017 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Ontario.

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