

David Garrett's fiery fiddling lights up the Mayo in Morristown

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Have you ever seen someone make love to a violin?

Well, I have. And what beautiful music was created as a result! Violinist *extraordinaire* [David Garrett](#) connected with his audience at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in a way that can only be described as intense.



David Garrett at the Mayo Performing Arts Center. Photo by Berit Ollestad

Concert-goers were treated Wednesday to a sensory overload of the eyes and ears, as this Brad Pitt look-alike delivered unique interpretations of some of the greatest songs of all time, ranging from Nirvana to Mozart, AC/DC to Beethoven.

Some may conclude after listening to Garrett perform on his 1716 Stradivarius that he is the rock star of classical music, taking pieces by artists such as Metallica, Queen and Michael Jackson to places they've never been.

Garrett has committed himself to introducing young people to the classics and kindling enthusiasm for reputedly "serious" music.

A standing ovation appeared to say: "Mission accomplished."