



# Shining debut



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CARMEL, Ind. — Fourteen years after Mayor Jim Brainard announced his vision of a new downtown anchored by a performing-arts center, music lovers are hearing the first notes inside the acoustically pristine Palladium. ¶ The \$126 million concert hall — part of the Center for the Performing Arts — kicks off a weeklong celebration that begins Saturday with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and a public performance, and ends Jan. 30 with an inaugural concert by the Miro Quartet. ¶ “I’m sensing a lot of pride in people that the Palladium was built in Carmel,” Brainard said. “We wanted it to be something that generations will enjoy. This is what

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