

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10, 2017, AT 7:30 ➤ 3,665TH CONCERT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 12, 2017, AT 5:00 ➤ 3,666TH CONCERT

Alice Tully Hall, Starr Theater, Adrienne Arsht Stage Home of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

JEFFREY KAHANE, piano ARNAUD SUSSMANN, violin DAVID FINCKEL, cello ESCHER STRING QUARTET
ADAM BARNETT-HART, violin
AARON BOYD, violin
PIERRE LAPOINTE, viola
BROOK SPELTZ, cello

MENDELSSOHN ON FIRE

FRANZ SCHUBERT

Quartettsatz in C minor for Strings, D. 703 (1820)

(1797 - 1828)

(1809-1847)

▶ Allegro assai

BARNETT-HART, BOYD, LAPOINTE, SPELTZ

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Quartet in E minor for Strings, Op. 44, No. 2 (1837)

▶ Allegro assai appassionato

▶ Scherzo: Allegro di molto

▶ Andante

▶ Presto agitato

BARNETT-HART, BOYD, LAPOINTE, SPELTZ

INTERMISSION

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART (1756-1791) Adagio in B minor for Piano, K. 540 (1788)

KAHANE

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Trio No. 1 in D minor for Piano, Violin, and Cello, Op. 49 (1839)

▶ Molto allegro ed agitato

Andante con moto tranquillo

▶ Scherzo: Leggiero e vivace

▶ Finale: Allegro assai appassionato

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ABOUT TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Dear Listener,

With today's program, we begin our 2016–17 Winter Festival which explores the fascinating and diverse personal facets of Felix Mendelssohn, whose three-year Grand Tour of Europe has guided our entire season. While our Grand Tour concerts are focusing on the locations themselves, we are excited to devote this Festival's three concerts to the protagonist of the journey. Mendelssohn led a life well worth emulating: it is well-nigh impossible to name another composer so well-educated, so popular in his lifetime, so well-adjusted, and of course, so talented. Mendelssohn also displayed the kind of commitment to his art, to society, and to a better future that made him virtually the first model of *The Artist as Citizen* (a wonderful book by Joseph W. Polisi, President of The Juilliard School).

There exists somewhat a tendency to pigeonhole Mendelssohn into the lightweight corner of the composer's ring. Perhaps that's because his effervescent music is so intoxicating that it simply sticks in memory like no other. No one does brilliance better than Mendelssohn for sure, but like any of us, Mendelssohn had his temperamental, stormy, and even aggressive side that produced works of tremendous drama and passion. We offer two of them today, the second of the Op. 44 string quartets and his iconic first piano trio, a trio that explored new levels for turbulence and virtuosity in the piano trio genre. Accompanying these intense works by Mendelssohn is music in a similar vein by two composers whose music influenced Mendelssohn indelibly: Mozart and Schubert.

May we conclude by strongly encouraging you to attend the remaining two programs of this festival? You will be assured of knowing Mendelssohn inside and out, and of hearing state-of-the-art performances of some of chamber music's most beloved repertoire.

Enjoy the concert,

David Finckel
ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

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NOTES ON THE PROGRAM

Quartettsatz in C minor for Strings, D. 703

FRANZ SCHUBERT

- ▶ Born January 31, 1797, in Vienna.
- Died November 19, 1828, in Vienna.

Composed in 1820.

- ▶ First CMS performance on April 29, 1977.
- Duration: 9 minutes

In June 1816, when he was 19, Schubert received his first fee for one of his compositions (a now-lost cantata for the name-day of his teacher, Heinrich Watteroth), and decided that he had sufficient reason to leave his irksome teaching post at his father's primary school in order to live the life of an artist. Thus began the bohemian existence of his last dozen years-living by the gladly proffered aid of friends, daily climbing up to Grinzing to haunt the cafés, avoiding the higher levels of society for dislike of buying and wearing good clothes. And music, always music. He composed incessantly. Out of bed shortly after dawn (sometimes he slept with his glasses on so as not to waste time hunting for them in the morning), pouring out music until early afternoon, then off to who-knows-where for a bit too much Heuriger wine and a few pipes of cheap tobacco. Compositions filled his head all the while, sometimes scratched out on napkins or envelopes if they could not wait until the next morning. Evenings were spent making music with his devoted band of friends, who were delighted to sing and play what he wrote.

Toward the end of 1820, Schubert's creative development underwent a

pronounced maturation as a new depth of emotional expression and stylistic adventurousness emerged in his music. He turned from songs and amateur household pieces to the grander modes of composition intended for professional performance, a change evidenced by his concentration during his later years on the instrumental genres of quartet, sonata, and symphony. An incident early in the year was, perhaps, indicative of the unsettled, Romantic state of mind that brought about the change in his creative nature—the day the benign Franz Schubert went to jail. Among the composer's friends in 1820 was the Tyrolese poet Johann Senn, whose Schwanengesang (D. 744, not to be confused with Schubert's last song cycle of the same name, D. 957, composed in 1828, or the Schwangesang, D. 318, of 1815) Schubert was to set to music two years later. In Metternich's Austria, students were always under suspicion of subversive activities, and when Senn resisted a police examination of his identification papers in the spring of 1820, he was hauled off for further questioning. Schubert happened to be visiting Senn when the incident occurred, and so was arrested for the crime of propinguity. Schubert's innocence was soon discovered and he was released; his friendship with Senn remained strong. Though criminality was never part of Schubert's nature, the passion, daring, and individuality of his later music show him to have been very much a free spirit, increasingly unfettering himself from the Classical models to find a mode

of expression that is the essence of musical Romanticism. The *Quartettsatz* in C minor stands at that crucial threshold in Schubert's life.

The Quartettsatz (Quartet Movement), composed late in 1820, marks the beginning of Schubert's maturity. Like the "Unfinished" Symphony of 1822, he left this work as a formal torso, completing only the first movement and some 41 measures of an Andante in A-flat major. It is unknown why he broke off composing at that point. The explanation currently given the greatest credence is that Schubert thought he could not match the wonderful inspiration of the first movement in what was to follow, so he abandoned this truncated quartet for work on another project and simply never returned to complete it. He did not take up the string quartet form again for more than three years.

The Quartettsatz follows a sonata form modified to reverse the repetitions of the themes in the recapitulation. The movement opens with a restless. quick-note motive in the first violin that is soon taken up in imitation by the other instruments. (In his biography of the composer, John Reed wrote that this theme was derived from an incantation scene in Schubert's failed opera of August 1820, The Magic Harp.) The premonitory mood of the main theme brightens, and is supplanted by a lyrical, flowing secondary subject suspended high in the violin's compass. A chordal passage supported by murmurings from the cello closes the exposition. The compact development section is largely concerned with permutations of the main theme, so the recapitulation begins with the lyrical second theme, reserving the agitated opening motive for the movement's closing gestures. •

Quartet in E minor for Strings, Op. 44, No. 2

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

- ▶ Born February 3, 1809, in Hamburg.
- ▶ Died November 4, 1847, in Leipzig.

Composed in 1837.

- Premiered on November 19, 1837, in Leipzig by the Ferdinand David Quartet.
- ▶ First CMS performance on December 11, 1983.
- Duration: 27 minutes

Mendelssohn was among the most professionally successful musicians of the 19th century. His career showed none of the reverses, disappointments, and delays that were the rule for the other great Romantic composers; indeed, it was precisely the overwork and exhaustion to meet the demands for his presence and his performances that led

to his untimely death at the age of 38. The most intensely busy time of his life was ushered in by his appointment in 1835 as the administrator, music director, and conductor of the Leipzig Gewandhaus concerts. In very short order, he raised the quality of musical life in Leipzig to equal that of any city in Europe, and in 1842 he founded the local conservatory to maintain his standards of excellence. (The school was to be the most highly regarded institution of its kind in the world for the next half-century.) He toured, guest conducted, and composed incessantly, and on March 28, 1837, took on the additional responsibilities of family life when he married Cécile Jeanrenaud. "A conscientious chronicle

of Mendelssohn's next few years [after 1835] would merely weary the reader," noted the late George Marek in his biography of the composer. "It would link work with more work, string success after success, place tribute next to tribute, and enumerate an ever-larger register of acquaintances and friends."

Despite the pressure of his many duties, Mendelssohn continued to find time for creative work, and in June 1837, while on his belated honeymoon with Cécile, he wrote the first of the three quartets (Op. 44, No. 2 in E minor) he was to complete during the following year. The second work of the series, the E-flat Quartet (Op. 44, No. 3), was finished on February 7, 1838, just one day before the first child of the Mendelssohns'

marriage, Carl Wolfgang Paul, was born. Cécile fell seriously ill after the delivery, however, and the following months were an anxious time for the family. By June, she had recovered sufficiently for Mendelssohn to fill his commitment to conduct at the Lower Rhine Festival in Cologne, but he hurried back to Leipzig, collected his growing brood (the couple had five children during the ten years of their happy marriage) and spent the summer in Berlin. It was there that he composed the D major Quartet, Op. 44, No. 1, whose score was dated on July 24, 1838. The three quartets were published with a dedication to the Crown Prince of Sweden.

The opening movement of the E minor Quartet (to be played "very

FROM MENDELSSOHN'S LETTERS

"For now, when our season is drawing to a close, you know from experience how hard-driven a man is—and, to keep up the usual distinction, a musician into the bargain. Since January we have been having an uninterrupted succession of musical events, besides which the Leipzigers are so very sociable that at this time one is hardly allowed



 Mendelssohn's painting of the Leipzig Gewandhaus, where he served as concert director beginning in 1835 a quiet evening at home. Our own house has become a lively center too... We invite our friends and they return the compliment. We speak German, French, and English all in one breath; and all the while the orchestra is fiddling, trumpeting, and drumming every day, whilst one is expected to sit an hour and a half at supper, and sing four-part songs to a roast-beef accompaniment."

-Felix Mendelssohn, Leipzig, March 14, 1841, from a letter to Charlotte Moscheles passionately," according to the score) is a masterful study in the expressive dynamics of sonata form, that ubiquitous structural plan perfected by Haydn and his contemporaries and bequeathed to later generations of composers. The main theme of the quartet's opening movement is an arching melody initiated by the first violin; the second subject is a gentle variant of the main theme in a brighter key. The movement's central section develops both themes through imitation, fragmentation, modulation, and other techniques. The tension relaxes as the recapitulation approaches, and its arrival is marked by a half-dozen pizzicato notes in the cello, the only ones in the entire movement. The main theme returns in the first violin and the second theme reappears, adjusted into the

movement's home key. A lengthy coda that encompasses all of the principal thematic material leads the music back to its stern opening tonality.

The Scherzo, one of those gossamer creations of which Mendelssohn was the unrivaled master, uses a featherstitched strain in the outer sections of its threepart form (A-B-A) and a brief, mildly contrasting passage at its center. The sonata-form Andante is one of Mendelssohn's most ingratiating "songs without words." The finale, also in sonata form, takes an agitated motive as its main theme and a gliding phrase as its subsidiary subject, both employed intricately throughout the movement and supplemented with complementary material. The close of the quartet confirms the work's stormy mood. •

Adagio in B minor for Piano, K. 540

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

- ▶ Born January 27, 1756, in Salzburg.
- ▶ Died December 5, 1791, in Vienna.

Composed in 1788.

- ▶ First CMS performance on August 12, 1993.
- Duration: 8 minutes

Mozart's life was starting to come apart in 1788—his money, health, family situation, and professional status were all on the decline. The beginning of the year seemed to hold a promise of good things. When Gluck died in November 1787, his position as composer to the court of Emperor Joseph II fell vacant. Mozart had sufficiently ingratiated himself with the aristocracy to win the job, but with the offer came a salary of only 800 florins, less than half the 2,000 florins Gluck had been paid, so the

position at court, so long sought, did little to alleviate his financial worries. Since he was a poor money manager, the last years of Mozart's life saw him sliding progressively deeper into debt. Earlier sources of income dried up. His students had dwindled to only two by summer, and he had to sell his new compositions for a pittance to pay the most immediate bills. He could no longer draw enough subscribers to produce his own concerts, and had to take second billing on the programs of other musicians. His wife, Constanze, was ill from worry and nearly continuous pregnancy, and she spent much time away from her husband taking expensive cures at various mineral spas. On June 29, his fourth child and only daughter, Theresia, age six months, died. Mozart's last years were punishingly hard.

Though Mozart managed to wall off his difficult personal situation from much of his later music, among the works that tellingly plumb his most intimate feelings is the profoundly moving Adagio in B minor (K. 540), completed on March 19, 1788. There is to be found here perhaps a higher quotient of pain and sorrow than almost anywhere else in his music, "one of the most perfect, most deeply felt, and most despairing of all his works," according to Alfred Einstein. Though the Adagio is disposed in traditional sonata form, its expressive character, marked by abrupt contrasts, silences, and intense drama, is akin to that of a fantasia, with the emotional immediacy of the composition enhanced by its bleak B minor tonality, the only movement in this key in Mozart's entire

catalog, save for the very different sweet Rococo nostalgia of the slow movement of the D major Flute Quartet, K. 285. After calling this "Mozart's finest single work for piano solo," Arthur Hutchings enumerated some of its qualities: "For all its magnificent integrity, the B minor Adagio reflects facets of expression and details of technique found in works as diverse as variations, rondos, fantasias, and sonatas.... Here is even the contrapuntist — not just the student of traditional device, but the master of yearning discord. Here is even a trace of galanterie.... Rich diversity and perfect unity are the bases of my claim, for the classical control, the timing of contrasts, the formalities within the organic form are what give this music its secret power." ◆

Trio No. 1 in D minor for Piano, Violin, and Cello, Op. 49

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Composed in 1839.

- First CMS performance on February 3, 1974.
- Duration: 30 minutes

As director of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, Mendelssohn spent most of 1839 confined to that city, but he did manage to escape in May to conduct at the Lower Rhine Music Festival in Düsseldorf and in September to oversee the presentation of his oratorio *St. Paul* in Brunswick. The D minor Piano Trio was completed in July, between those two engagements. Mendelssohn had displayed a special fondness for chamber combinations of piano and strings during his earlier years, producing three piano quartets and a

sextet between 1822 and 1824. In January 1832, he wrote from Paris to his sister, Fanny, "I should like to compose a couple of good trios," but he did not get around to broaching the genre for another seven years. When the D minor Trio finally appeared in 1839, it was greeted with great and immediate enthusiasm. Robert Schumann hailed it in his review in the Neue Zeitschrift für Musik as "the master trio of the age, as were the B-flat [Op. 97, 'Archduke'] and D major [Op. 70, No. 1, 'Ghost'] Trios of Beethoven and the E-flat Trio [No. 2, Op. 100] of Schubert in their times." Schumann went on in his essay to proclaim that "Mendelssohn is the Mozart of the 19th century, the most brilliant musician, the one who sees most clearly through the contradictions of this period, and for the first time reconciles

them." Schumann closed by citing the music of both composers as embodying the ideals of "clarity, refinement, grace, and perfection." The D minor Trio has remained one of Mendelssohn's most popular and beloved instrumental creations—Pablo Casals chose to play it with Mieczyslaw Horszowski and Alexander Schneider when he was invited by President John F. Kennedy to perform at the White House in 1961.

Though Mendelssohn was careful to involve all of the participants equally in the D minor Trio in the presentation and development of the thematic material, the piano is granted the most brilliant of the three parts. The opening D minor movement, heroic rather than mournful, is in a closely worked sonata form. The cello presents the main theme, a flowing melody of grace and

eloquence, immediately at the outset. The complementary subject, also initiated by the cello, is a gently arched strain in the brighter tonality of A major. The extensive development section is an ingenious elaboration of these two lyrical inspirations. A full recapitulation of the principal themes rounds out the movement. The Andante, led by the piano, is reminiscent in its three-part structure and melodic style of the Songs Without Words. The Scherzo is an elfin essay in the quicksilver, effervescent manner of which Mendelssohn was the peerless master. The dactylic motive (long-short-short) given at the outset of the Finale by the piano serves as the germ from which most of the movement grows. A brief but energetic coda spawned by the same motive brings the trio to a triumphant close. •

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WINTER FESTIVAL: THE SPIRIT OF MENDELSSOHN

JOYOUS MENDELSSOHN

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017, 7:30 PM ▶ ALICE TULLY HALL

In this program of glowingly optimistic music, we find Beethoven at his wittiest in the Variations for Piano Trio, Op. 44, Chopin in a pleasant mood in the Ballade in A-flat major, Op. 47, and Mendelssohn contributing three of his sunniest creations, including the Second String Quintet.

MENDELSSOHN'S SORROW

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017, 5:00 PM ▶ ALICE TULLY HALL

The final Winter Festival program visits extremes of the human experience. The darkness of Bach's fugue, BWV 903, is brightened in one by Mendelssohn (Op. 81, No. 4), Schumann's emotional First Piano Trio is contrasted by the serenity of his Arabesque, and in his moving final string quartet, Mendelssohn grieves the passing of his beloved sister.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS



ESCHER STRING QUARTET
(L-R) Aaron Boyd, Pierre Lapointe, Adam Barnett-Hart, and Brook Speltz

The Escher String Quartet has received acclaim for its profound musical insight and rare tonal beauty. A former BBC New Generation Artist, the quartet has performed at the BBC Proms at Cadogan Hall and is a regular guest at Wigmore Hall. In its home town of New York, the ensemble serves as a Season Artist of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, where last season it not only presented the complete Zemlinsky Quartet Cycle in a concert streamed live from the Rose Studio, but was also one of five quartets chosen to collaborate in a complete presentation of Beethoven's string quartets. In the current season, the quartet is invited to tour with CMS to China.

The Escher Quartet has received high acclaim throughout Europe, with recent debuts including the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Berlin Konzerthaus, London's Kings Place, Slovenian Philharmonic Hall, and Auditorium du Louvre. The group has appeared at festivals such as Heidelberg Spring Festival, Dublin's Great Music in Irish Houses, Risør Chamber Music Festival in Norway, Hong Kong International Chamber Music Festival, and Perth International Arts Festival in Australia. Alongside its growing European profile, the Escher Quartet continues to flourish in its home country, performing at Alice Tully Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Ravinia and Caramoor festivals. In 2014 the quartet gave a highly praised debut at Chamber Music San Francisco and in 2015 presented a Schubert quartets focus at Music@Menlo in California, where it returns in the current season. This season also sees a return to the Tel Aviv Museum of Art and subsequent tour of Israel, a return to *Les Grands Interprètes* series in Geneva and three U.K. tours, including an appearance at Wigmore Hall.

Volumes I and II of the complete Mendelssohn quartets, released on the BIS label in 2015, were received with the highest critical acclaim and the Mendelssohn series will conclude this season with the release of Volume III. The guartet has also recorded the complete Zemlinsky String Quartets in two volumes, released on the Naxos label in 2013 and 2014, to accolades including five stars in the Guardian with "Classical CD of the Year," a Recommendation in *The Strad*, "Recording of the Month" on MusicWeb International, and a nomination for a BBC Music Magazine Award.

Within months of its inception in 2005, the ensemble came to the attention of key musical figures worldwide. Championed by the Emerson Quartet, the Escher Quartet was invited by both Pinchas Zukerman and Itzhak Perlman to be quartet-in-residence at each artist's summer festival: the Young Artists Programme at Canada's National Arts Centre and the Perlman Chamber Music Program on Shelter Island, New York. The quartet is a former member of Chamber Music Society Two and winner of an Avery Fisher Career Grant. Currently quartet-in-residence at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, the quartet has given master classes at institutions such as the Royal Academy of Music in London and Campos do Jordão Music Festival in Brazil. The Escher Quartet takes its name from Dutch graphic artist M.C. Escher, inspired by Escher's method of interplay between individual components working together to form a whole.



DAVID FINCKEL

▶ Co-Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society, cellist David Finckel is a recipient of Musical America's Musician of the Year award, one of the highest music industry honors in the United States. He leads a multifaceted career as a concert performer, recording artist, educator, administrator, and cultural entrepreneur that places him in the ranks of today's most influential classical musicians. He appears extensively with CMS, as recitalist with pianist Wu Han, and in piano trios

with violinist Philip Setzer. Along with Wu Han, he is the founder and Artistic Director of Music@Menlo, Silicon Valley's acclaimed chamber music festival and institute; co-founder and Artistic Director of Chamber Music Today in Korea; and co-founder and Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Workshop at the Aspen Music Festival and School. Under the auspices of CMS, David Finckel and Wu Han also lead the LG Chamber Music School. Mr. Finckel is the co-creator of ArtistLed, classical music's first musician-directed and Internet-based recording company, whose 18-album catalogue has won widespread critical praise. The latest release features the Dvořák Cello Concerto and a work written for him by Augusta Read Thomas. Piano Quartets, a 2015 Deutsche Grammophon release recorded live at Alice Tully Hall, features David Finckel, Wu Han, violinist Daniel Hope, and violist Paul Neubauer. David Finckel served as cellist of the nine-time Grammy Award-winning Emerson String Quartet for 34 seasons. The first American student of Rostropovich, David Finckel is on the faculty of The Juilliard School and Stony Brook University.



JEFFREY KAHANE

▶ Equally at home at the keyboard or on the podium, Jeffrey Kahane is recognized by audiences around the world for his mastery of a diverse repertoire ranging from Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven to Gershwin, Golijov, and John Adams. He appears as soloist with major orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Toronto and San Francisco symphonies, and is also a popular artist at all of the major U.S.

summer festivals. The 2016–17 season will be Mr. Kahane's 20th and final season as music director of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. He oversaw a three-week citywide festival in January 2017 that honored the legacies of composer Kurt Weill and civil rights activist Rabbi Joachim Prinz and culminated in Kahane conducting Weill's final Broadway opera, *Lost in the Stars*. Additional 2016–17 season highlights include return visits to New York's Mostly Mozart Festival, where he play/conducts three Mozart concertos; a solo recital for Cal Performances at UC Berkeley; and re-engagements with the Houston, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, and Alabama symphonies. A graduate of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Mr. Kahane was the First-Prize winner at the 1983 Rubinstein Competition, a finalist at the 1981 Van Cliburn Competition, and the recipient of a 1983 Avery Fisher Career Grant. He is a professor of keyboard studies at the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music.



ARNAUD SUSSMANN

Winner of a 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant, Arnaud Sussmann has distinguished himself with his unique sound, bravura, and profound musicianship. Minnesota's *Pioneer Press* writes, "Sussmann has an old-school sound reminiscent of what you'll hear on vintage recordings by Jascha Heifetz or Fritz Kreisler, a rare combination of sweet and smooth that can hypnotize a listener." A thrilling young musician capturing the attention of classical critics and audiences around the world, he has

appeared on tour in Israel and in concert at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the Dresden Music Festival in Germany, and the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. He has been presented in recital in Omaha on the Tuesday Musical Club series, New Orleans by the Friends of Music, Tel Aviv at the Museum of Art, and at the Louvre Museum in Paris. He has also given concerts at the OK Mozart, Moritzburg, Caramoor, Music@Menlo, La Jolla SummerFest, Mainly Mozart, Seattle Chamber Music, Bridgehampton, and the Moab Music festivals. Mr. Sussmann has performed with many of today's leading artists including Itzhak Perlman, Menahem Pressler, Gary Hoffman, Shmuel Ashkenasi, Wu Han, David Finckel, Jan Vogler, and members of the Emerson String Quartet. A former member of Chamber Music Society Two, he regularly appears with CMS in New York and on tour, including performances at London's Wigmore Hall.

ABOUT THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (CMS) is known for the extraordinary quality of its performances, its inspired programming, and for setting the benchmark for chamber music worldwide: no other chamber music organization does more to promote, to educate, and to foster a love of and appreciation for the art form. Whether at its home in Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, on leading stages throughout North America, or at prestigious venues in Europe and Asia, CMS brings together the very best international artists from an ever-expanding roster of more than 150 artists per season, to provide audiences with the kind of exhilarating concert experiences that have led to critics calling CMS "an exploding star in the musical firmament" (*The Wall Street Journal*). Many of these extraordinary performances are livestreamed, broadcast on radio and television, or made available on CD and DVD, reaching thousands of listeners around the globe each season.

Education remains at the heart of CMS' mission. Demonstrating the belief that the future of chamber music lies in engaging and expanding the audience, CMS has created multi-faceted education and audience development programs to bring chamber music to people from a wide range of backgrounds, ages, and levels of musical knowledge. CMS also believes in fostering and supporting the careers of young artists through the CMS Two program, which provides ongoing performance opportunities to a select number of highly gifted young instrumentalists and ensembles. As this venerable institution approaches its 50th anniversary season in 2020, its commitment to artistic excellence and to serving the art of chamber music, in everything that it does, is stronger than ever.

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