

Dynamic Duo Extends Chamber Music Society Contract

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David Finckel and Wu Han will continue as coartistic directors of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (CMS) through 2021-22, the Society has announced, and thus still be at the helm for the group's 50th anniversary season, 2019-20.

Partners in life and in music, the cellist and pianist came on board in 2004, and never looked back, transforming the Society and the field into a dynamic and colorful organism. Apart from unearthing and/or commissioning some intriguing repertoire, the duo has expanded the Society's membership, its touring and recording activities, residences, concert series, educational programs, donor base, and, not least, audiences. It's been a remarkable run.

“What they have achieved, and continue to achieve, has brought the organization to worldwide acclaim from both audiences and critics, and fueled a growing enthusiasm for the art form,” said CMS Board Chair James P. O’Shaughnessy in his comments. “With their inexhaustible energy, discerning judgment, and artistic leadership, they have truly brought this esteemed organization to unimaginable heights.”

David Finckel and Wu Han were Musical America's 2012 Musicians of the Year.