

DAVID FINCKEL & WU HAN

2018–19 Micro Biography (353 words)

David Finckel and Wu Han are among the most esteemed and influential classical musicians in the world today. Recipients of *Musical America's* Musicians of the Year award, the energy, imagination, and integrity they bring to their concert performances and artistic projects go unmatched.

Season highlights include performances with The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (CMS); a seven-city U.S. tour with violinist Daniel Hope and violist Paul Neubauer; trio performances with violinist Philip Setzer; and Far East appearances in Taipei, Hsinchu, and Shanghai. The duo will also be the subject of two television features to be broadcast on PBS stations across the country.

David Finckel and Wu Han, Artistic Directors of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, are also the founders and Artistic Directors of Music@Menlo. The cofounders and Artistic Directors of South Korea's Chamber Music Today festival from 2011 to 2018, this season the duo inaugurates an immersive, week-long festival in Palm Beach. Wu Han also currently serves as Artistic Advisor of Wolf Trap's Chamber Music at the Barns for two seasons.

Leaders of the classical recording industry, they created ArtistLed in 1997, the first musician-directed and internet-based classical recording company. David Finckel and Wu Han have also overseen the multiple media projects at CMS, and the Music@Menlo *LIVE* label, which has been praised as “the most ambitious recording project of any classical music festival in the world” (*San Jose Mercury News*).

Dedicated to the next generation of artists, under their leadership at CMS the Bowers Program (formerly CMS Two) identifies and inducts the finest young chamber artists into the entire spectrum of CMS activities. Music@Menlo's Chamber Music Institute has provided hundreds of students with incomparable, immersive musical experiences. David Finckel and Wu Han direct the LG Chamber Music School in South Korea, and from 2013 to 2018, led an intensive chamber music studio at the Aspen Music Festival and School. This season, David Finckel and Wu Han's website introduces a new initiative which addresses the challenges and opportunities facing today's classical music performers and presenters.

David Finckel and Wu Han reside in New York.

For more information, please visit www.davidfinckelandwuhan.com.