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Presents
Orion String Quartet
with David Shifrin, clarinet
on Saturday, November 12 at 8pm
at NEC's Jordan Hall

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present the **Orion String Quartet with clarinetist David Shifrin** on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 8pm at NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. This performance is sponsored by The D.L. Saunders Companies and The Boston Park Plaza Hotel, LLC, and the Celebrity Series Friends of Chamber Music. The Mark Neikrug Clarinet Quintet (Boston Premiere) was commissioned by Chamber Music Northwest and the Celebrity Series of Boston, with the generous support of Paul L. King, Ronni Lacroute and Alice and Michael Powell.

Tickets for the Orion String Quartet with David Shifrin are priced at \$60, \$55 and \$47, and are available by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., online at www.celebrityseries.org or at the Jordan Hall box office, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston.

This engagement is the Orion String Quartet's third appearance with the **Celebrity Series of Boston**. They last appeared in 2003 with the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. This performance is David Shifrin's Celebrity Series of Boston debut.

Formed in 1987, the **Orion String Quartet** has more than fifty performances each year, and the members of the Quartet - violinists Daniel Phillips and Todd Phillips (brothers who share the first violin chair equally), violist Steven Tenenbom and cellist Timothy Eddy- have worked with Pablo Casals, Rudolf Serkin, Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zukerman, Peter Serkin, members of TASHI and the Beaux Arts Trio, as well as the Budapest, Végh, Galimir and Guarneri String Quartets. The Orion String Quartet serves as Artist Members of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Quartet-in-Residence at New York's Mannes College of Music and Resident Quartet at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music.

During the 2010-2011 season, the Orion String Quartet embarked on a five-concert tour with the quintet Windscape, performing Bach's *Art of the Fugue* at Mannes College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, Detroit Chamber Music Society, the Tuesday Evening Concert Series in Charlottesville and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. As Artist Members at Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the ensemble joined clarinetist David Shifrin for Brahms' Clarinet Quintet at Alice Tully Hall, along with

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Beethoven's Quartet in C-sharp minor, Op. 131. The ensemble also has a residency at Arizona State University, where the players perform concerts, coach chamber music, give master classes and provide instrumental instruction. They have released CDs of the complete Beethoven quartets, Leon Kirchner's complete string quartets, and in 2010, were on a CD of works by Peter Lieberman. Past recordings include Wynton Marsalis's first classical composition for strings, *At the Octoroon Balls* (String Quartet No. 1) for Sony Classical, Dvořák's "American" String Quartet and Piano Quintet with Peter Serkin and Mendelssohn's Octet with the Guarneri String Quartet, both on Arabesque.

David Shifrin is an orchestral soloist, recitalist and chamber music collaborator. Mr. Shifrin has appeared with the Philadelphia and Minnesota Orchestras and the Dallas, Seattle, Houston, Milwaukee, Detroit and Denver symphonies, among many others in the US, and internationally with orchestras in Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Japan, Korea and Taiwan. He has also served as principal clarinetist with the Cleveland Orchestra, American Symphony Orchestra (under Stokowski), the Honolulu and Dallas symphonies, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and New York Chamber Symphony.

In 2007, he was awarded an honorary professorship at China's Central Conservatory in Beijing and in 2008, was appointed Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Yale and Yale's annual concert series at Carnegie Hall. He is one of only two wind players to have been awarded the Avery Fisher Prize, and has also received a Solo Recitalists' Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts and the 1998 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Music Academy of the West. His latest recording, *Shifrin Plays Schifrin*, is a collection of clarinet works by composer/conductor Lalo Schifrin.

The program for the Orion String Quartet with David Shifrin performance is as follows:

Mozart

String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, K. 465, "Dissonance"

Neikrug

Clarinet Quintet (Boston Premiere)

Mozart

Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K. 581

About Celebrity Series of Boston

The Celebrity Series of Boston is New England's leading presenter of music, dance and the performing arts from around the world. Now in its 73rd season, the Celebrity Series brings performances by instrumental and vocal soloists, orchestras and chamber ensembles, dance companies, jazz, folk and ethnic artists and ensembles to Boston's major concert halls. Through the Arts, Education and Community Program, the Celebrity Series reaches thousands of youngsters annually with opportunities to experience and participate in the performing arts through concerts, workshops and the award-winning AileyCamp Boston, an intensive six-week summer dance program for Boston middle school students. For more information on Celebrity Series of Boston, call (617) 482-2595 or visit us online at www.celebrityseries.org.

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