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Presents
David Finckel, cello; Wu Han, piano;
Philip Setzer, violin
All-Mendelssohn Program
on Sunday, February 19 at 3pm
at NEC's Jordan Hall

(Boston) Celebrity Series of Boston will present **cellist David Finckel, pianist Wu Han and violinist Philip Setzer** on Sunday, February 19 at 3pm at NEC's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. This performance is sponsored by the Celebrity Series Friends of Chamber Music. Media Partner is 99.5 All Classical.

Tickets for the **Finckel, Han & Setzer Trio** are priced at \$60, \$55, and \$47, and are available online at www.celebrityseries.org, by calling CelebrityCharge at (617) 482-6661 Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or at the Jordan Hall box office, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston.

Cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han were named **Musical America's 2012 Musicians of the Year**. This marks the first time Musical America has named two musicians for the honor in one year.

This will be the Finckel, Han & Setzer Trio's second appearance together with the **Celebrity Series of Boston**. Individually, this marks Finckel's fifth performance, Han's third performance and Setzer's fourth performance with the **Celebrity Series of Boston**.

Cellist **David Finckel** is a concert performer, recording artist, educator, arts administrator and cultural entrepreneur. He began studying with his father and at age 15 he made his debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variatio. He then studied for nine years under cellist Mstislav Rostropovich. Finckel appears each season in recital with pianist Wu Han at numerous venues and concert series across the United States, including New York's Lincoln Center, Morgan Library, Town Hall, and 92nd Street Y. The duo is regularly featured in leading music festivals across the country, including recent performances at the Aspen Music Festival, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Savannah Music Festival, Music@Menlo and Chamber Music Northwest. In 2008, with Wu Han, David Finckel gave the world premiere of *Mirror Image* by Grawemeyer Award-winning composer George Tsontakis, a work commissioned for and dedicated to David Finckel and Wu Han. In 2007 he premiered Pierre Jalbert's Cello Sonata at the Aspen Music Festival. Recent appearances as an orchestral soloist include Elgar's Cello Concerto with the Slovenia Symphony Orchestra, and Shostakovich's First Concerto and the Beethoven Triple Concerto with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, as well as performances and recordings of the Dvorák Concerto and Augusta Read Thomas's *Ritual Incantations* with the Taipei Symphony Orchestra and John Harbison's Cello Concerto with the Albany Symphony.

Finckel is also the cellist of the **Emerson String Quartet**, winning nine Grammy Awards including two honors for "Best Classical Album," three *Gramophone Magazine* Awards, and the Avery Fisher Prize, awarded in 2004 for

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the first time to a chamber ensemble. He holds honorary doctorates from Bard College and Middlebury College. He launched classical music's first musician-directed and Internet-based recording company, ArtistLed, with Wu Han, has shared his title as Artistic Director of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center since 2004. They are also the founding Artistic Directors of Music@Menlo, a chamber music festival and institute in Silicon Valley.

Pianist **Wu Han** is also a concert performer, recording artist, educator, arts administrator and cultural entrepreneur. Wu Han began her musical studies at the age of nine, and within a few years took first prize in all the major competitions in Taiwan. She was a participant for two summers at the Marlboro Music Festival, where her teachers included Raymond Hanson, Rudolf Serkin, Herbert Stessin, Lilian Kallir and Menahem Pressler. Beyond her musical collaborations with Finckel, Han has taught alongside the late Isaac Stern at Carnegie Hall and the Jerusalem Music Center. She has also appeared annually on the Aspen Music Festival's Distinguished Artist Master Class series and in various educational outreach programs across the country.

Violinist **Philip Setzer** was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and began studying violin at the age of five with his parents, both former violinists in the Cleveland Orchestra. He continued his studies with Josef Gingold and Rafael Druian, and later at the Juilliard School with Oscar Shumsky. In 1967, Mr. Setzer won second prize at the Marjorie Merriweather Post Competition in Washington, DC, and in 1976 received a Bronze Medal at the Queen Elisabeth International Competition in Brussels. He has appeared with the National Symphony, Aspen Chamber Symphony (David Robertson, conductor), Memphis Symphony (Michael Stern), New Mexico and Puerto Rico symphonies (Guillermo Figueroa), Omaha and Anchorage symphonies (David Loebel), and on several occasions with the Cleveland Orchestra (Louis Lane). He has also participated in the Marlboro Music Festival. Mr. Setzer has been a regular faculty member of the Isaac Stern Chamber Music Workshops at Carnegie Hall and the Jerusalem Music Center. He also teaches as Professor of Violin and Chamber Music at SUNY Stony Brook and has given master classes at schools around the world, including The Curtis Institute, London's Royal Academy of Music, The San Francisco Conservatory, UCLA, The Cleveland Institute of Music and The Mannes School. He is also a **founding member of the Emerson String Quartet**, where he works alongside David Finckel.

The program for the Finckel, Han & Setzer Trio performance is as follows:

Mendelssohn

Sonata No. 2 in D Major, Opus 58
Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor, Opus 49

Intermission

Mendelssohn

Piano Trio No. 2 in C minor, Opus 66

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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