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LA JOLLA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW SUMMERFEST ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

The La Jolla Chamber Music Society is pleased to announce the appointment of **cellist David Finckel** and pianist **Wu Han** as Co-Artistic Directors of SummerFest La Jolla, the Society's annual chamber music festival. They will succeed Heiichiro Ohyama, who is stepping down as Artistic Director after 12 years in the post. David Finckel and Wu Han, who are husband and wife, are internationally renowned artists who tour together throughout the United States, Europe and the Far East as time permits. Their wide-ranging musical activities also include the recent launch of ArtistLed, the first musician-directed and Internet-based recording company. They have been SummerFest artists since 1992.

"We are delighted to have musicians of this calibre at the helm of SummerFest," says Executive Director Neale Perl. "Their sphere of influence in the music world will ensure that the extraordinary level of artistry, which has become a hallmark of the Festival, continues into the future." SummerFest La Jolla, which was founded in 1985, is recognized as one of California's premier musical events.

David Finckel's extraordinarily diversified career brings him to the world's stages as a recitalist, soloist with orchestra and chamber musician. Born into a family of cellists, Mr. Finckel began his music studies with his father, the pianist, cellist and composer Edwin Finckel. At age 15 he made his debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Rocooco Variations. In 1978, Mr. Finckel joined the Emerson String Quartet with whom he annually performs over 130 concerts throughout the musical capitals of the world. He has performed extensively as a soloist in the United States, Europe and the

East. Mr. Finckel recently performed the Brahms Sextets with Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and Boston's Symphony Hall.

As an orchestral soloist, recitalist and chamber musician, Wu Han has garnered an enviable reputation as a performer whose thrilling style and impassioned music-making have made her one of today's most talked-about classical artists. Wu Han began her music studies at the age of nine, and within a few years took first prizes in all the major competitions in her native Taiwan. She has recently made first appearances with the Colorado Symphony, the Aspen Chamber Symphony, the Taipei Symphony, and the Santa Fe Festival Orchestra, in the works of Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, Ravel and Bernstein. Wu Han is a favorite of summer festival audiences at Caramoor, Ravinia, Saratoga, Aspen, Vail and Santa Fe among others. She has collaborated with many string quartets including the Vermeer, the St. Lawrence, the Lark, the Mendelssohn, and the Emerson.

THE LA JOLLA CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

The La Jolla Chamber Music Society features the popular and acclaimed Revelle, Celebrity, Piano, SummerFest La Jolla, Discovery and Prodigy Series. For tickets to all Series, or for further information, call 619.459.3728.

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