

**MUSIC@MENLO MARKS GRAND OPENING OF
CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AT MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL
WITH SPECIAL CONCERT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009**

**Chamber Performance in New State-of-the-Art Hall Features
Cellist David Finckel, Pianist Wu Han & Clarinetist Anthony McGill
Music by Beethoven and Brahms**

Music@Menlo celebrates the grand opening of the new Center for the Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton with a special performance on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Music@Menlo's Artistic Directors, cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han, along with clarinetist Anthony McGill, offer a program of chamber works by Beethoven and Brahms.

With an acoustic ideally suited for chamber music, the Center for the Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton hosts a rich concert program comprising Beethoven's Cello Sonata in g minor, op. 5, no. 2 (1796), and two pioneering chamber pieces for clarinet—Beethoven's Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano in B-flat Major, op. 11 (1797), and Brahms's Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano in a minor, op. 114 (1891). A pre-concert reception for all ticket holders begins at 2:30 pm at the new venue (555 Middlefield Road, in Atherton, California). Tickets start at \$50 for adults and \$25 for students, and can be reserved by calling 650-331-0202.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Music@Menlo Founders and Artistic Directors **David Finckel** and **Wu Han** lead multi-faceted careers as concert performers, recording artists, educators, arts administrators, and cultural entrepreneurs, placing them in the ranks of today's most esteemed and influential classical musicians. Their busy seasons include performances as a duo and as chamber musicians (including, in David Finckel's case, over one hundred concerts annually as cellist with the Emerson String Quartet) and appearances in the world's most prestigious concert series and festivals. The duo's repertoire spans the entire literature for cello and piano. Their commitment to new music has brought commissioned works by Bruce Adolphe, Lera Auerbach, Gabriela Lena Frank, and Augusta Read Thomas to audiences around the world, including last season's world premiere of Pierre Jalbert's Cello Sonata at the Aspen Music Festival. They had the distinction of premiering a new work for cello and piano by award-winning composer George Tsontakis during the spring of 2009. Since 2004, David Finckel and Wu Han have served as Artistic Directors of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Their wide-ranging musical activities also have included the launch of ArtistLed, classical music's first musician-directed and Internet-based recording company. All eleven ArtistLed recordings have received critical acclaim and are available via the company's Website at www.artistled.com. Last season, ArtistLed released a recording of the Schubert piano trios, featuring David Finckel, Wu Han, and violinist Philip Setzer. In recent years, David Finckel and Wu Han have become widely recognized for their initiatives in expanding audiences for classical music and for guiding the careers of countless young musicians.

Anthony McGill, Principal Clarinetist of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, has quickly earned the reputation of being one of classical music's finest solo, chamber, and orchestral musicians. A winner of the highly prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant, McGill was previously the Associate Principal Clarinetist of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. An experienced chamber musician, he has performed at the Marlboro Music Festival, the Sarasota Festival, La Musica, Tanglewood, and the Grand Teton Music Festival. This season he will appear with the Peabody Orchestra, the New Amsterdam Symphony Orchestra, and the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. He has performed with some of the great string quartets of the world, including the Guarneri, Tokyo, Shanghai, Miami, Brentano, Miró, and Daedalus quartets.

ABOUT MUSIC@MENLO

Music@Menlo, an internationally acclaimed chamber music festival and institute under the artistic direction of cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han, was founded in 2003. Based in Atherton, California, and an important part of the San Francisco Bay Area's dynamic cultural fabric, Music@Menlo is noted for its world-class chamber music performances, extensive audience engagement programs, intensive training for pre-professional musicians through its Chamber Music Institute, and efforts to enrich and expand the global chamber music community.

Grand Opening: Center for the Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton

Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton, CA

Sunday, October 11, 2009, 4:00 pm

Pre-concert reception: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Tickets: \$60/\$50 for adults; \$30/\$25 for students

Reserve by phone: 650-331-0202

Wu Han, piano

David Finckel, cello

Anthony McGill, clarinet

Ludwig van Beethoven: Cello Sonata in g minor, op. 5, no. 2

Ludwig van Beethoven: Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano in B-flat Major, op. 11

Johannes Brahms: Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano in a minor, op. 114

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