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Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Brings French Enchantment Tour to Houston and Inspiration to Kinder HSPVA Students

Take a musical trip to Paris with one of NYC’s premier classical chamber groups.

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HOUSTON (December 20, 2019) – Experience the grace, wit, and charm of French music with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (CMS) on Tuesday January 16 at the Hobby Center presented by Society for the Performing Arts (SPA). Don’t miss the artists hailed by BBC Radio 3 as “prestigious beyond belief”. As CMS celebrates its 50th anniversary season in 2019-20, education and global access to the arts remain integral parts of its mission. In line with that mission, SPA has partnered with Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) to provide rehearsal space for CMS pianist Wu Han.
“"This gives Kinder HSPVA students the opportunity to observe a world-renowned musician during their school hours. We are happy that SPA has an ever-expanding relationship with Kinder HSPVA and can continue to provide these opportunities for young artists.” says Meg Booth, CEO of SPA. In addition to rehearsing, Wu Han will be the clinician of a piano master class for students at Kinder HSPVA during the day with the performance following that evening. After the performance SPA invites patrons to remain in their seats and engage with the artists during a Westwood Trust Creative Chat.
Featured artists include **Wu Han**, pianist and co-artistic director of CMS; **Paul Huang**, violin; **Matthew Lipman**, viola; and **Clive Greensmith**, cello. The program, *French Enchantment*, begins and ends with early works by Saint-Saëns and Fauré that recreate the elegant atmosphere of 19th-century Parisian salons. In between, the Ravel sonata, written soon after World War I, uses just two string instruments to produce a composition of unique, simple beauty. These three distinct works capture the essence of pure melody in its most delightfully fundamental form.

**About The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center**
The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center (CMS), is one of eleven constituents of the largest performing arts complex in the world, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, which includes the New York Philharmonic, New York City Ballet, Lincoln Center Theater, and The Metropolitan Opera. With its home in Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall, CMS is known for the extraordinary quality of its performances and its programming, and for setting the benchmark for chamber music worldwide. Through its many performance, education, recording, and broadcast activities, it brings the experience of great chamber music to more people than any other organization of its kind. Under the leadership of Co-Artistic Directors David Finckel and Wu Han, CMS presents a wide variety of concert series and educational events for listeners of all ages, appealing to both connoisseurs and newcomers. The performing artists constitute a revolving multi-generational and international roster of the world’s finest chamber musicians, enabling CMS to present chamber music of every instrumentation, style, and historical period. Annual activities include a full season in New York, as well as on national and international tours. During the 2019-20 season, over 120 musicians will perform with CMS in more than 130 performances and events in NYC, on tour in the US, and internationally. CMS continues its leadership position in the digital arena, reaching hundreds of thousands of listeners around the globe each season with live streaming of over 30 concerts and educational events, more than 750 hours of performance and education videos free to the public on its website, a 52-week public radio series across the US, radio programming in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, appearances on American Public Media, the new monthly program In Concert with CMS on the ALL ARTS broadcast channel, and performances featured on Medici.tv and SiriusXM’s Symphony Hall channel. As CMS celebrates its 50th anniversary season in 2019-2020, education and global access remain integral parts of its mission.

**About Society for the Performing Arts**
Founded in 1966, Society for the Performing Arts (SPA) is the largest independent non-profit presenting organization in the Southwest. Since its inception, SPA has sponsored more than 1,000 performances of the world’s finest music, dance and theater events, in adherence to the
belief that the arts are fundamental to the overall enrichment and quality of life within a community. In addition to presenting artists, SPA seeks to provide a variety of learning experiences for adults and children through master classes, lectures and special student performances, as well as build relationships between the performing arts and other interests within the greater Houston area and throughout the state of Texas.

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WHO: Society for the Performing Arts presents…

WHAT: The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

WHEN: Thursday January 16, 2020 at 8 pm

WHERE: Zilkha Hall, The Hobby Center

WHAT ELSE: Tickets start at $39. Tickets can be purchased at www.spahouston.org, by calling 713-227-4772 or at the courtyard level ticket office at Jones Hall located at 615 Louisiana St. Hours of operation: 9 am – 5 pm Monday–Friday. Prices are subject to change.