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EXHILARATING PIANIST WU HAN AND MEMBERS OF THE EMERSON STRING QUARTET KICK OFF CHAMBER MUSIC NORTHWEST'S 2006-07 CONCERT SERIES

*Wu Han Joined by David Finckel, with violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer,
in October 26th Program of Beethoven, Dvořák and Shostakovich*

PORTLAND – Pianist **Wu Han** and three members of the Grammy-winning **Emerson String Quartet** will return to the Chamber Music Northwest stage on **Thursday, October 26th** for a unique one-night-only performance. Joining Wu Han in this collaboration are her cellist husband David Finckel, and violinists Eugene Drucker and Philip Setzer.

The Emerson String Quartet is regarded as one of the premiere chamber ensembles performing in the world today, and has won multiple Grammy awards for excellence in classical music recording. The quartet has been touring without violist Lawrence Dutton, while he recovers from rotator-cuff surgery.

Pianist Wu Han has garnered an enviable reputation as a performer whose impassioned music making and thrilling style are bringing new life to the concert stage. Wu Han has played at many of the world's most prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Boston's Symphony Hall and many others. In 2003, with David Finckel, she founded an innovative Internet-based recording company called ArtistLed (www.ArtistLed.com). In 2004, having firmly established a reputation as musical innovators both on and off stage, Wu Han and Finckel were named Artistic Directors of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, a position held by CMNW Artistic Director David Shifrin from 1994 to 2004.

The October 26 Chamber Music Northwest program will include Antonin Dvořák buoyant, folk music-inspired *Bagatelles for Two Violins, Cello and Piano, Op. 47*, Dmitri Shostakovich's haunting *Piano Trio No. 2 in E Minor for Piano, Violin and Cello, Op. 67* (premiered in Leningrad in 1944), which incorporates fragments of traditional Jewish music, and Ludwig van Beethoven's grand *Sonata in G Major for Violin and Piano, Op. 96*.

In addition, **Chamber Music Northwest** will present a free public masterclass with Wu Han from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm on Thursday, October 26, at Sherman Clay/Moe's Pianos (131 NW 13th). In this session, Wu Han will coach two pianists who are members of CMNW's Young Artist Fellows program: Judy Park and Rosa Li. The masterclass is free and open to the public.

The October 26 Chamber Music Northwest presentation of **Members of the Emerson String Quartet with Wu Han, piano** takes place at **Kaul Auditorium at Reed College**, SE 28th and Woodstock. Tickets are \$10 (students)/\$21/\$28/\$40, and may be purchased from the CMNW box office by phone, 503-294-6400, or in person

at 522 SW Fifth Avenue, Ste. 924, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Program notes, artist biographies, music samples and downloadable press materials can be found at www.cmnw.org.

At **Chamber Music Northwest** (founded in 1971), internationally acclaimed soloists and ensembles come together for a critically-acclaimed fall-winter-spring concert series and a summer festival to explore the beauty and endless variety of chamber music, in performances of rare commitment and supreme artistry. Performances of CMNW are heard on National Public Radio "Performance Today," and CMNW has six compact discs commercially available on the Delos International label, as well as annual season highlight recordings.

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WHO: Chamber Music Northwest

WHAT: Members of the Emerson String Quartet *with* Wu Han, *piano*

WHEN: Thursday, October 26, 2006 – 8:00 pm

WHERE: Kaul Auditorium at Reed College – 3202 SE Woodstock Boulevard, Portland

Chamber Music Northwest presents members of the Grammy award winning Emerson String Quartet ("With musicians like this, there must be some hope for humanity," *London Times*): Eugene Drucker, violin; Philip Setzer, violin; David Finckel, cello; in collaboration with pianist Wu Han ("precision, nuance and fire," *New York Times*), performing works of Beethoven, Dvořák and Shostakovich on Thursday, October 26, 2006, 8:00 pm at Kaul Auditorium, Reed College (3202 SE Woodstock Boulevard). Tickets (\$10-\$40) at CMNW box office, 503-294-6400, or in person at 522 SW Fifth Avenue, Ste. 924, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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