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Recordings produced by David Finckel and Wu Han



NEW BRAHMS RELEASE

artists: **David Finckel & Wu Han**

release: **Music of Brahms**

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ArtistLed is proud to announce the release of its eighth recording featuring the two cello sonatas of Johannes Brahms (Opp. 38 & 99), performed by cellist **David Finckel** and pianist **Wu Han**. The CD also includes Brahms's Six Pieces for Solo Piano, Op. 118, a set of miniature masterpieces composed near the end of his life. The performance of the Six Pieces marks Wu Han's second solo appearance on the ArtistLed label.

The fall release of this Brahms album marks ArtistLed's eighth successful year. As the classical music industry's first musician-directed and Internet-based recording company, ArtistLed continues to push the traditional boundaries of the recording industry and serves as a successful model for other independent labels. Founded by Finckel and Wu Han in 1997, ArtistLed represents the duo's desire to be free from the technical, artistic and commercial constraints of larger record companies. As the producers of this latest Brahms disc, the two artists directed every stage of the creative process, from the selection of the repertoire and recording venue, to running the sessions, setting the sound, constructing the edits, and determining the final mix. The result is a performance that combines the excitement and spontaneity of a live concert with the sonic and musical perfection expected of a studio recording.

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All of ArtistLed's releases represent the duo's commitment to recording the repertoire they are most drawn to. The late Brahms works featured on this disc resonate strongly with David Finckel and Wu Han. "This is our first recording of Brahms," says Finckel, "and with composers new to our discography come new

challenges. Brahms demands a good balance of classicism and romanticism: clarity and integrity mixed with a lushness of sound and texture, combining to produce a passionate, committed performance. It was those qualities that we sought in our final product, and we are excited that the moment has finally arrived to share our efforts with ArtistLed's loyal listeners."

The recording, by ArtistLed's Grammy Award-winning sound engineer Da-Hong Seetoo, was made using state-of-the-art hardware and software technology. All recording equipment was custom designed and built or modified by Seetoo. The Brahms disc was made at the Academy of Arts and Letters in New York City, a landmark building renowned for its superb acoustics.

The CD booklet features rare photographs of Brahms, which appear courtesy of violinist Eugene Drucker. Drucker's father, the violinist Ernst Drucker, studied under Bram Eldering, an intimate of Brahms and one of Germany's most prominent violin teachers.

ABOUT DAVID FINCKEL & WU HAN

David Finckel and Wu Han have one of the most accomplished careers in the field of classical music today. The talent, energy, imagination and dedication they bring to their multi-faceted endeavors as concert performers, recording artists, educators, artistic administrators and cultural entrepreneurs, go unmatched. They frequently appear in the most prestigious concert series and festivals worldwide: in their capacities as recital and concert soloists, as a duo, and in David's case, as cellist of the Grammy Award-winning Emerson String Quartet. Together, they have a unique ability to envision and realize innovative projects, be it in the recording arena with ArtistLed, on the world's great concert stages or as artistic administrators and cultural entrepreneurs. In recent years, 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. They serve as Artistic Directors of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln and are also the founders and Artistic Directors of Music@Menlo, their innovative chamber music festival in Silicon Valley that has garnered international acclaim since its inception in 2003.

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ArtistLed's recordings are not sold in stores. Like the label's seven earlier releases, this new disc is available for purchase on the company's Web site: www.artistled.com. The site, specifically designed to forge a personal and direct relationship between artist and listener, features background information on the making of the recordings, detailed notes about ArtistLed's recording technology, as well as biographies and concert schedules.

ArtistLed's prior releases include an all-Schubert album featuring two late masterpieces, the complete sonatas of Beethoven for piano and cello, and "Russian Classics," which features 20th-century cello sonatas. The "Russian Classics" disc received BBC Music magazine's coveted "Editor's Choice" award in 2002. The ArtistLed catalogue also offers works by Grieg, Chopin, Strauss, Franck, Tchaikovsky, and the cellist's father, Edwin Finckel.

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