

David Finckel, Artistic Director of CMS of Lincoln Center *cello*



Co-artistic director of the Chamber Music Society, cellist **David Finckel** is a recipient of *Musical America's* Musician of the Year award, one of the highest honors granted to musicians from the music industry in the United States. He leads a multifaceted career as a concert performer, recording artist, educator, administrator, and cultural entrepreneur that places him in the ranks of today's most influential classical musicians. He appears annually at the world's most prestigious concert series and venues, as both soloist and chamber musician. As a

chamber musician, he appears extensively with duo partner pianist Wu Han and in a piano trio alongside violinist Philip Setzer. David Finckel served as cellist of the nine-time Grammy Award-winning Emerson String Quartet for 34 seasons. His wide-ranging musical activities also include the launch of ArtistLed, classical music's first musician-directed and Internet-based recording company, whose catalogue has won widespread critical praise. Along with Wu Han, he is the founder and artistic director of Music@Menlo, Silicon Valley's acclaimed chamber music festival and institute. The first American student of Rostropovich, David Finckel serves on the faculty at The Juilliard School and Stony Brook University. His new website now hosts *Resource*, an innovative exploration of challenges and opportunities facing today's classical musicians.