

# Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts

## Winter @ The Wallis

### Featuring Nine Special Evenings of Soul-Stirring Classical Music

January - March 2016

(Beverly Hills, CA Dec 14, 2015) The New Year will ring in the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts as the place to be for classical music on LA's Westside when it presents "Winter @ The Wallis," a special series of nine curated classical music performances. These intimate recitals, chamber ensembles, and orchestral events present an outstanding group of musicians who have created a cross-cultural approach to classical music while performing works by the most beloved composers. In addition, The Wallis' newly appointed Managing Director Rachel Fine and on-air personalities from Classical KUSC will host Q&As with artists from this special series prior to their performances. Patrons are invited to attend these free pre-concert talks, enjoy special offerings of wine tastings and pairings specifically chosen for each program by [The Henry Wine Group](#), and listen to lively discussions with such featured artists as pianist Wu Han, violinist Bing Wang and cellist Ben Hong, pianist Jeffrey Siegel, and Santa Cecilia Orchestra's Yalil Guerra, among other special guests.



"Outstanding chamber music stirs the soul," said Fine who trained as a classical pianist and served as the Executive Director of Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra prior to her current position. "Classical music is my life's blood and I'm so pleased The Wallis, whose intimate Bram Goldsmith Theater provides the perfect setting for chamber music, has curated a series perfect for both seasoned classical music lovers as well as those new to the music. I can guarantee many memorable musical evenings at The Wallis this winter," said Fine.

Classical KUSC is the media sponsor for "Winter @ The Wallis."

"Winter @ The Wallis" tickets are available for purchase as singles starting at \$39 or as a package series beginning at \$156. For complete information, visit The Wallis [website](#), or call (310) 746.4000.

For downloadable photos, please visit [www.wallis.org/press](http://www.wallis.org/press).

## About “Winter @ The Wallis” Series



### **David Finckel & Wu Han: The Passionate Cello**

Fri, Jan 8, wine & conversation with Wu Han at 7pm; performance at 8pm

The *Wall Street Journal* named cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han “America’s Power Couple of Chamber music.” They rank among the most dynamic and influential forces in classical music today. Their performances have inspired audiences around the world and won universal critical acclaim. The duo’s thrilling virtuosity and insightful musicianship are matched by their artistic versatility, which finds them equally at home in recitals, chamber music and orchestral soloists. This [program](#) includes music by Strauss, Messiaen, Chopin and more.



### **Santa Cecilia Orchestra: A Celebration of American & Latino Composers**

Sat, Jan 16, wine & conversation with Yalil Guerra, composer of *A la Antigua*, at 7pm; performance at 8pm

With a mission to break down barriers so everyone can enjoy the beauty of classical music, LA-based Santa Cecilia Orchestra has been making history wherever it performs. Under the baton of legendary Maestra Sonia Marie De Leon de Vega, the Santa Cecilia Orchestra will perform a spirited tribute to the music of Latino and American composers with world-renowned flamenco artist Maria Bermudez. This [program](#) includes music by Piazzola, De Falla and Copland.



### **The Shanghai Quartet: EAST/WEST: Merging Music & Cultures**

Sat, Jan 23; wine & conversation with select members of The Shanghai Quartet at 7pm; performance at 8pm

The Shanghai Quartet, one of the world’s foremost chamber music ensembles, will perform a repertoire of early and late Beethoven string quartets. In one evening, listeners will experience the evolution of the art form that Beethoven made truly great. This [program](#) includes work by Beethoven. *Sponsored by Delta Air Lines.*



### **Cho Liang Lin & Jon Kimura Parker: EAST/WEST: Merging Music & Cultures**

Sat, Feb 13, wine & conversation Cho Liang Lin and Jon Kimura Parker at 7pm; performance at 8pm

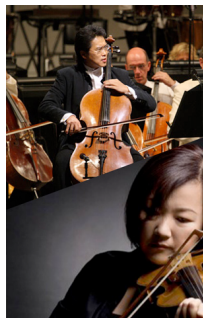
Violinist Cho Liang Lin, lauded the world over for his distinguished thirty-year career including his position as Music Director of La Jolla Music Society’s SummerFest, and pianist Jon Kimura Parker, a veteran of the international concert stage having performed with the likes of Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and André Previn, continue the East/West series. This [program](#) includes works from Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms and Dvorak. *Sponsored by Delta Air Lines.*



### **Sean Chen: Next Generation @ The Wallis**

Fri, Feb 19, wine & conversation with Sean Chen at 7pm; performance at 8pm

Wallis presents pianist Sean Chen, recent winner of UPenn's eminent 2015 Annenberg arts fellowship for artists on the verge of breakthrough. Chen won over fans and critics alike at the 2013 Cliburn Competition as the first American to earn a Cliburn award since 1997. This [performance](#) is the second of three evenings celebrating the next generation of up and coming pianists.



### **Bing Wang & Ben Hong: EAST/WEST: Merging Music & Cultures**

Sat, Feb 20, wine & conversation with Bing Wang and Ben Hong at 7pm, performance at 8pm

Two of the LA Philharmonic's finest musicians take to the Bram Goldsmith Stage at The Wallis to close out the EAST/WEST: Merging Music & Cultures series. Chinese violinist Bing Wang, Associate Concertmaster of the LA Philharmonic will perform with fellow LA Phil Assistant Principal cellist Ben Hong in this eclectic [program](#) featuring music by Tan Dun, Mark-Anthony Turnbridge and Bach. *Sponsored by Delta Air Lines.*



### **Keyboard Conversations® with Jeffrey Siegel: An American Salute**

Sat, Feb 27, wine & conversation with Jeffrey Siegel at 7pm, performance at 8pm

Jeffrey Siegel's sold-out Keyboard Conversation® returns to The Wallis in a new concert that celebrates our country's most beloved composers with welcoming classical music and captivating commentary. In this [program](#) Jeffrey Siegel's *American Salute* features George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, as well as music by Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland and Scott Joplin.



### **Colburn @ The Wallis**

**Colburn Orchestra, Yehuda Gilad, Music Director and Conductor; Richard Beene, bassoon**

Sun, Mar 6, wine & conversation at 1pm, performance at 2pm

The flagship ensemble of the Colburn Conservatory of Music, the Colburn Orchestra comprises some of the most elite musicians in the world. The orchestra performs under the baton of critically acclaimed Music Director and Conductor Yehuda Gilad. This [program](#) is a part of an exciting series from the partnership between The Wallis and Colburn School.



### **Steven Lin: Next Generation @ The Wallis**

Fri, Mar 11, wine & conversation at 7pm, performance at 8pm

Young Taiwanese-American pianist Steven Lin impressed many with his unshakeable focus as he famously played through a 6.5 earthquake during a competition in Japan. *The New York Times* recently hailed, "His playing [is] immaculately voiced and enhanced by admirable subtleties of shading and dynamics." This [program](#) includes music from Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Chopin and more. This is the third in the Next @ The Wallis series of evenings celebrating the next generation of up and coming pianists.

### **About the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts**

Since opening its doors in October 2013, The Wallis has produced or presented over 100 dance, theatre, opera, classical music and children's programs to an ever expanding audience. The 2014-15 season saw audiences at The Wallis grow to over 44,000 attendees with another 50,000 anticipated for the 2015-16 Season which officially began September 17 with a sold-out and live-streamed conversation with two-time Academy Award winning actor Denzel Washington. The season continues October 1 with three sold-out performances of the Twyla Tharp 50th Anniversary Tour with a recently added fourth performance currently on sale.

Located in the heart of Beverly Hills, California, the Wallis brings audiences world-class theater, dance and music, performed by many of the world's most talented and sought-after artists. With eclectic programming that mirrors the diverse landscape of Los Angeles, and its notability as the entertainment capital of the world, The Wallis offers original and revered works from across the U.S. and around the globe. The mission of The Wallis is to be a vital cultural hub that uses unique arts events and education programming to entertain, enlighten and inspire children and adults in our community and across the nation.

Nominated for 26 Ovation Awards, four L.A. Drama Critic's Circle Awards and the recipient of five architectural awards since opening in 2013, The Wallis is a breathtaking 70,000-square-foot venue that celebrates the classic and the modern and was designed by Zoltan E. Pali, FAIA of Studio Pali Fekete architects. The building features the restored, original 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (on the National Register of Historic Places) that serves as the theater's dramatic yet welcoming lobby, and houses the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater, GRoW at The Wallis: A Space for Arts Education (a gift of Gregory Annenberg Weingarten and Family and the Annenberg Foundation) and the contemporary 500-seat, state-of-the-art Bram Goldsmith Theater. Together, these structures embrace the city's history and its future, creating a performing arts destination for L.A.-area visitors and residents alike. For more information, visit The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts online.

### **Ticket Information:**

**What:** Winter @ The Wallis  
**Where:** Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts  
Bram Goldsmith Theater  
9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
**When:** January 8 - March 6  
**Tickets:** Prices: \$29-\$99 for single tickets, and Subscription series begins at \$156.  
Online - [www.thewallis.org](http://www.thewallis.org)  
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