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**LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER GOES ON LOCATION FOR FIRST TIME
WITH THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER
FROM KENTUCKY'S SHAKER VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL**

**"Simple Gifts: The Chamber Music Society at Shaker Village"
Airs Friday, September 9, 2016, 9:00 pm
(*check local listings)**

NEW YORK (August 16, 2016) — For the first time in its series history, *Live From Lincoln Center* takes its show on the road presenting The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center in a broadcast from Kentucky's Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. This special broadcast event, filmed on location, captures the unique intimacy of a chamber music concert with cameras and equipment located inside the Meadow View Barn, a restored tobacco barn at Shaker Village amidst 3,000 acres of rolling Bluegrass countryside. This episode is directed by Habib Azar, with Elliot Caplan producing documentary segments showcasing the Chamber Music Society at Shaker Village, as well as the location's rich history. *Live From Lincoln Center's* "Simple Gifts: The Chamber Music Society at Shaker Village" will air on Friday, September 9, 2016, at 9:00 pm on PBS (*check local listings).

The performance, recorded in May 2015, features musicians from the Chamber Music Society playing works by distinctive American composers, including Louis Moreau Gottschalk, Samuel Barber, and more, as well as the famed Czech composer Antonín Dvořák, who was deeply influenced by traditional American music during an extended stay in the U.S. The highlight of the broadcast will be Copland's beloved *Appalachian Spring*, an iconic, enduring ballet suite about a community of 19th-century American pioneers featuring the popular "Simple Gifts" Shaker melody.

While The Chamber Music Society calls Lincoln Center home, its large roster of world-class chamber musicians enables it to perform extensively all across the country, as well as internationally. In addition, CMS receives extensive national exposure on its 52-week annual radio series, and on regular broadcasts on American Public Media's *Performance Today*. As a result, it is one of Lincoln Center's great ambassadors of music.

Live From Lincoln Center was recognized for its broadcasting excellence last year with a Emmy Award for Outstanding Special Class Program for its 2014 broadcast of *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet*

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Street featuring Bryn Terfel, Emma Thompson, and the New York Philharmonic. This Emmy Award is the 14th major Emmy for the series. *Live From Lincoln Center* is also nominated for three Emmy Awards in 2016. Other upcoming episodes this fall include three PBS Arts Fall Festival broadcasts featuring the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Lang Lang's New York Rhapsody, Joshua Bell's Seasons of Cuba, and the New York Philharmonic's annual New Year's Eve celebration.

*Program information subject to change

*Screener copies available upon request

Andrew C. Wilk, Executive Producer, *Live From Lincoln Center*

Andrew C. Wilk is an Emmy Award-winning producer and director whose career has encompassed leading roles in many areas of commercial and educational content. Since his arrival at Lincoln Center in 2011, he has served as executive producer of *Live From Lincoln Center* episodes ranging from classical music to dance to theater. Prior to his work at Lincoln Center, Wilk served as Chief Creative Officer at Sony Music Entertainment, where he oversaw all visual content for Sony's label groups and spearheaded Sony's digital expansion. He also served as founding programmer and executive vice president of programming and production for the National Geographic Channel, where he launched the channel and developed its initial programming, and scheduled and commissioned new programs, including specials with PBS and NBC. Wilk has won five Emmy Awards and received 15 nominations. Over the course of his career, he has produced or directed more than 1,000 television shows, ranging from children's programming to news to commercial entertainment, in addition to continuing his work as a conductor of live music concerts.

About The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center makes its home at Alice Tully Hall, which has received international acclaim as one of the world's most exciting venues for chamber music. CMS presents chamber music of every instrumentation, style, and historical period in its extensive concert season in New York, its national and international tours, its many recordings and national radio broadcasts, its broad commissioning program, and its multifaceted educational programs. Demonstrating the belief that the future of chamber music lies in engaging and expanding the audience, CMS has created programs to bring the art of chamber music to audiences from a wide range of backgrounds, ages, and levels of musical knowledge. The artistic core of CMS is a multi-generational, dynamic repertory company of expert chamber musicians who form an evolving musical community. As part of that community, the CMS Two program discovers and weaves into the artistic fabric a select number of highly gifted young artists—individuals and ensembles—who embody the great performance traditions of the past while setting new standards for the future. CMS produces its own recordings on the CMS Studio Recordings label, which has been highly praised for both the artistry and the recorded sound of the eclectic range of repertoire it has released. These recordings are sold on-site at concerts in New York, on tour, and through the CMS website as well as online retailers such as iTunes. The newest media innovation, CMS Live, offers recordings both on CD and by download of extraordinary live performances chosen by CMS artistic directors David Finckel and Wu Han from among each season's many concerts. The newest CMS Live release, *Simple Gifts: the Chamber Music Society at Shaker Village*, features the repertoire from the *Live From Lincoln Center* broadcast. The recording is distributed by Naxos of America. CMS also has a broad range of historic recordings on the Arabesque, Delos, SONY Classical, Telarc, Musical Heritage Society, MusicMasters, and Omega Record Classics labels. Selected live CMS concerts are available for download as part of Deutsche Grammophon's DG Concerts series. For more information, visit: chambermusicsociety.org.

About Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

Named a top hidden travel destination by BBC News, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill (SVPH) is a landmark destination that shares 3,000 acres of discovery in the spirit of the Kentucky Shakers. SVPH is committed to bridging historic preservation, land conservation, engaged learning, and warm hospitality to present an unrivaled destination experience. Home to the third largest Shaker community in the United States from 1805 until 1910, SVPH manages the country's largest private collection of original 19th century buildings and is the largest National Historic Landmark in Kentucky. Onsite amenities at SVPH include overnight accommodations, dining and catering services, retail shops, event and meeting venues, riverboat rides, historical exhibitions and tours, farm and garden area, nature preserve, multi-use trail system, equestrian stable, and an extensive calendar of special programs, activities, and events. For more information, visit shakervillageky.org.

About Live From Lincoln Center

Live From Lincoln Center is a cornerstone of performing arts broadcasting, presenting the world's greatest artists and performances in music, dance and theater from Lincoln Center's renowned stages. Now in its 42nd season on PBS, the pioneering series—produced by Lincoln Center—has been seen by hundreds of millions of viewers since its debut and celebrated by 14 Emmy Awards and other honors for its broadcasting excellence. Additional *Live From Lincoln Center* content is accessible online at PBS.org.

About Lincoln Center for The Performing Arts

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts (LCPA) serves three primary roles: presenter of artistic programming, national leader in arts and education and community engagement, and manager of the Lincoln Center campus. A presenter of more than 3,000 free and ticketed events, performances, tours, and educational activities annually, LCPA offers 16 series, festivals, and programs, including American Songbook, Avery Fisher Career Grants and Artist program, David Rubenstein Atrium programming, Great Performers, Legends at Lincoln Center: The Performing Arts Hall of Fame, Lincoln Center at the Movies, Lincoln Center Emerging Artist Awards, Lincoln Center Festival, Lincoln Center Out of Doors, Lincoln Center Vera List Art Project, Midsummer Night Swing, Mostly Mozart Festival, White Light Festival, the Emmy Award-winning *Live From Lincoln Center*, which airs nationally on PBS, and Lincoln Center Education, which is celebrating 40 years enriching the lives of students, educators, and lifelong learners. As manager of the Lincoln Center campus, LCPA provides support and services for the Lincoln Center complex and the 11 resident organizations: The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Film Society of Lincoln Center, Jazz at Lincoln Center, The Juilliard School, Lincoln Center Theater, The Metropolitan Opera, New York City Ballet, New York Philharmonic, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, School of American Ballet, and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. For more information, visit LincolnCenter.org.

About PBS

PBS, with over 350 member stations, offers all Americans the opportunity to explore new ideas and new worlds through television and online content. Each month, PBS reaches nearly 103 million people through television and over 33 million people online, inviting them to experience the worlds of science, history, nature, and public affairs; to hear diverse viewpoints; and to take front row seats to world-class drama and performances. PBS' broad array of programs has been consistently honored by the industry's most coveted award competitions. Teachers of children from pre-K through 12th grade turn to PBS for digital content and services that help bring classroom lessons to life. PBS' premier children's TV programming and its website, pbskids.org, are parents' and teachers' most trusted partners in inspiring and nurturing curiosity and love of

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