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Cello Ensemble Sakura and Amicus Duo Kick Off Music in the Mansion 2016 Series

The Finest in Solo and Chamber Music at Greystone Mansion & Gardens begins January 24

Beverly Hills, Calif. – Music in the Mansion returns to Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 2 p.m. with cello ensemble Sakura and Amicus Duo.

A unique and versatile cello quintet, hailed as “brilliant” and “superb” by the *Los Angeles Times*, SAKURA is built on the artistry and virtuosity of its five cellists, Sarah Rommel, Michael Kaufman, Peter Myers, Yoshika Masuda and Jonathan Dormand. Drawing from the rich heritage of a repertoire that spans eight centuries, eclectic and unexpected programs are constructed around conceptual threads, with an overarching commitment to opening new vistas of beauty and expression by showcasing the great warmth and scope offered by the sound of five cellos.

Amicus Duo brings together cellist Coleman Itzkoff and pianist Alin Melik-Adamyan, winners of the 2015 Beverly Hills National Auditions and rising stars from the USC Thornton Cello Studio of Professor Ralph Kirshbaum.

The exceptional 2016 season includes: February 21, European Concert Trio with Irina Bazik (piano) Harriet Fraser (soprano) and Amanda Walker (clarinet); March 20, Cinematic Scenes with Ines Thome (guitarist) and Yueun Kim (violinist); April 24, Vladimir Khomyakov (pianist); May 22, DuoKYaria with Yoon Hee Jung (flutist) and Ko Ni Choi (harpist); June 19, Quarteto Nuevo with Kenton Youngstrom (acoustic Guitar), Aaron Chavez (percussion), Damon Zick (soprano sax, alto flute) and Jacob Szekely (cello). The season concludes on July 13, with iPalpiti Festival which brings a consortium of prize-winning musicians from around the globe.

Performances are held at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays with the exception of the iPalpiti Festival, which will take place on July 13 in the evening.

Tickets for regular concerts are \$20 per ticket and the iPalpiti season finale is \$30 per ticket. Seating is limited and advanced tickets are encouraged. To purchase tickets online, visit www.beverlyhills.org/bhreg or call 310-285-6830.

Greystone Mansion & Gardens: The Doheny Estate is located at 905 Loma Vista Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210.

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