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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music Names New Executive Director San Francisco, California

San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music, a premier SF Bay Area nonprofit organization dedicated to promotion of ensemble music, announces the selection of Cory Combs as its new Executive Director. Combs will take over the position from Dominique Pelletay who stepped down in October.

"We are very pleased to announce this appointment," reported Nancy B. Ranney, Board President. *"Combs will bring leadership, creativity and a wealth of experience to our organization and its mission".*

Combs takes the helm January 3, 2017 and is eager to work with our over 90 affiliated ensembles and oversee the many programs and performance opportunities SFFCM offers. www.sffcm.org

A bassist trained at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, Combs comes to SFFCM with an eclectic background as a performer, composer, educator, administrator and lecturer. He is currently the Director of Enrichment, Outreach, and Music at Nueva School in Hillsborough, California. Previously at SFJAZZ, he was a member of the capital campaign team for the new building on Franklin and Fell in San Francisco; designed, implemented, and oversaw six year-round education programs; and created and presented the bi-annual, sold-out, Koret Discover Jazz Series. Before his tenure at SFJAZZ, he was Director of Music at the Waldorf Middle and High School in San Francisco, Jazz Program Director for the American Festival of the Arts in Houston, and a recording and performing artist and arranger.

"I am thrilled to join San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music and support the small ensemble musical art form that has served me throughout my life as a musician, educator, patron, and fan."

San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music (SFFCM), founded in 1998, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure the vitality of small ensemble music in the San Francisco Bay Area. SFFCM supports performers, composers, and presenters who engage in early music, classical music, new music, and jazz. Through fiscal sponsorship, career development, performance opportunities, and financial awards, SFFCM promotes sustainable careers and encourages professional-level creative work. www.sffcm.org

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