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### **RENOWNED ISRAELI-AMERICAN CELLIST TO LAUNCH MUSICAL ROAD TRIP IN SUNRIVER AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>**

SUNRIVER, ORE - World-acclaimed Spanish cellist Pablo Casals (1876-1973) had a career that spanned 80 years. He played for both Queen Victoria and President John F Kennedy. Three decades after his death, Casals' widow entrusted his cello to the Israeli-American cellist Amit Peled. Now Mr. Peled will take the cello he calls "a wild horse ready to run" on a journey across America beginning with two performances at the Sunriver Music Festival; a solo recital August 16 and a closing concert August 18.

"It is an honor to be the first stop on Amit's American road trip. We can't wait to share his artistry with our audience," states Pam Beezley, Executive Director of the Sunriver Music Festival.

Beezley points out that from the United States to Europe to the Middle East and Asia, Mr. Peled was voted by *Musical America* as one of the most Influential Music Professionals of 2015.

In a feature story in the New York Times, Peled reflected on the honor of playing such a celebrated instrument and the unique nature of bringing classical music to where it belongs, to people living in rural America.

"This cello made the journey with the maestro from Spain into world fame. All the major recordings of Casals were created with this instrument," explains Peled.

"So I'm just going to go with my family, and have my daughter manage a Twitter account and investigate what our next stop should be. We'll stop every place we can and perform for local audiences."

Peled's road adventure will end in September at his home in Baltimore. For more detailed information on the road tour, you can read the New York Times feature story here: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/25/arts/international/amit-peled-cellist>.

The 39<sup>th</sup> Season of the Sunriver Music Festival runs from August 7 – 18. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.sunrivermusic.org](http://www.sunrivermusic.org), email us ([tickets@sunrivermusic.org](mailto:tickets@sunrivermusic.org)) or call the Festival Ticket Office at 541-593-9310.

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