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World Premiere of First George Duke Commission
***Denali World* by Alan Chan**
At the Symphonic Jazz Orchestra's 15th Anniversary Concert

April 17, 2017 – Los Angeles, CA: The [Symphonic Jazz Orchestra's 15th Anniversary Concert](#) will feature the premiere of a new work from the winner of the George Duke Commissioning Competition, Alan Chan. Named after the SJO's co-music director from 2004 to his passing in 2013, George Duke was a musical pioneer, bringing together the worlds of jazz, funk, r&b, classical and Brazilian music.

Denali World is a musical reflection of Alan's journey to Alaska as the Artist-in-Residence at the Denali National Park in summer 2016. In this 12-day stay, Alan discovered not only the majestic mountains, braided rivers and endless tundra, but also wild animals, hidden streams and colorful mushrooms, all contained in this new work.

The new work was made possible by a grant from The ASCAP Foundation's Louis Armstrong Fund and the SJO's Commissioning Club.

Created in 2002, the 67-member Symphonic Jazz Orchestra is dedicated to blending the worlds of jazz and classical music through its commissioning, performing and educational programs. Led by Music Director Mitch Glickman, the ensemble has performed throughout Southern California with leading guest artists including Dave Grusin, Christian McBride, Raul Midon, Lee Ritenour, The Yellowjackets, and George Duke. The orchestra's debut recording "Looking Forward Looking Back" featuring George Duke's "Dark Wood: Bass Concerto for McBride" was recently released on Mack Avenue Records.

Alan Chan's *Denali World* will be premiered by the Symphonic Jazz Orchestra **on May 7 (Sunday), 7:00pm** at the **Carpenter Center for Performing Arts** in Long Beach, California. This concert will also feature **Gordon Goodwin's** new piece written for singer **Jane Monheit** and saxophonist **Eric Marienthal**. Tickets range from \$35 - \$100. To learn more and to purchase tickets for this special concert, [visit the following websites](#).