

## News and Events 2020

**This was a year which was disrupted by Covid. Although events were cancelled we produced a number of Newsletters covering a wide variety of articles. We are grateful to our members and guests who contributed these!**

**July 2020.** Congratulations were extended to the wonderful **Mithras Trio**, one of our student trio members. In addition to the many other awards the trio has received we are delighted to announce that Dominic, Ionel and Leo have been chosen by YCAT as one of the twelve finalists from a very competitive field of over 100 outstanding applicants. They will receive a unique package of advice and career support over the upcoming year.

We were also pleased to welcome new members - pianist and composer **Julian Jacobson** and **Gillian Perrin**, the author of a soon to be launched book entitled *Past Sounds* which follows the development of the Sonata idea through the medium of the piano trio. Both have articles in our [Summer Newsletter](#).

**Senior Intercollegiate Piano Trio Competition 2020** - It was with great regret that we had to cancel the competition. New government guidelines plus the closure of so many musical establishments and trio members from abroad having to return home all conspired against us. We were so sorry to do this as we know the trios had worked extremely hard and were very disappointed, but it is our responsibility to keep everyone safe!

Our **Annual General Meeting** took place on **Thursday 20 February 2020** at Steinway Hall, 44 Marylebone Lane, London at 2.00pm and the following Trustees were elected for the coming year: Chairman - Jane Faulkner, Vice Chair - Melvyn Cooper, Administrator/Treasurer - Christine Talbot-Cooper with additional Trustees - Christopher Brammeld, Bobby Chen, Dr Mary Dullea, Dr James Obelkevich.

### **New and returning members**

We were pleased to welcome as a new member **John Carmichael OAM**. John has had a long and distinguished career as both pianist and composer and received the OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2011. He was also a pioneer in music therapy, including work at Stoke Manderville and Netherden Mental Hospitals.

We are also pleased to welcome back pianist **Penelope Roskell** whose new book entitled "The Complete Pianist: from healthy technique to natural artistry" was published by Edition Peters on 20 February 2020. A vitally important book for all pianists!

Education plays a large part in our work so we are delighted that three of our renowned musical establishments are among our **Corporate members**. These include Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. BAPAM - the British Association for Performing Arts Medicine - continues to be an important Corporate member and we also work closely with EPTA and the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe. Please contact us if you would like further details of Corporate membership.

### **News and events 2019**

We were pleased to be involved once again in the Monday lunchtime concerts at St Peter's, Notting Hill and thank Dominic John for his help in arranging this. Details were as follows:

#### **Monday 16 September - Bartholdy Trio**

Performers: Sophie-Louise Phillips - violin, Dayana Harizanova - cello, Cason Kang - piano

Programme: Haydn - Trio in C Hob XV:27 and Mendelssohn - Trio Op 49 in D minor

#### **Monday 23 September - Conova Trio**

Performers: Constantin Riccardi - violin, Nora Braun - cello, Vasilis Alevizos - piano

Programme: Rachmaniov - Trio Elegiaque no 1 in G minor, Dvorak - "Dumky" Trio no 4 in E minor

#### **Monday 30 September - Icknield Piano Trio**

Performers: Arwen Newband - violin, Sarah Boxall - cello, Anna Le Hair, piano

Programme: Schubert - Trio in E flat, D929

Congratulations to **Aleksandra Myslek** on her new role as Junior Fellow of Piano Accompaniment at Trinity Laban. Aleksandra comments: "I already see how energised and creative the place is and I'm sure I will learn a lot myself as well as entertain my projects and ideas and help the students on their way to the professional life."

#### **Annual General Meeting 2019, Tuesday 22 January, 2.00pm, Steinway Hall**

This meeting saw the election of the following Trustees: Chairman - Jane Faulkner, Vice Chair - Melvyn Cooper, Administrator/Treasurer - Christine Talbot-Cooper, other Trustees were Christopher Brammeld, Bobby Chen, Dr Mary Dullea and Dr James Obelkevich.

#### **Piano Trio Day - Sunday 17 March - Gloucestershire Academy of Music**

This proved to be another successful day when five trios from the Royal

College of Music, Royal Birmingham Conservatoire and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama received coaching from Professor Michael Bochmann MBE, Nicholas Roberts and Professor John Thwaites on trios by Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann and Rebecca Clarke. The day ended with an enjoyable concert given by the participants. A report is included in our latest Newsletter.

Welcome to new Student Trio member - the **Eumelia Piano Trio** from the Royal College of Music. The trio took part in Piano Trio Day and were the featured trio in the Autumn Newsletter.