

News and events 2011 and 2010

News and events in 2011

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 2 February, Steinway Hall, 4.30pm

The Annual General Meeting took place at Steinway Hall, during which the following committee was elected: Chairman - Glen Gough, Vice-Chairman - Jane Faulkner, Treasurer - Dr James Obelkevich, Administrator - Christine Talbot-Cooper, Committee members - Melvyn Cooper, Nils Franke, Jeremy Young, Julia Morneweg. Adviser - Alberto Portugheis. This was followed by a celebration of Schumann's bicentenary when the Lauriston Trio performed Schumann's Piano Trio in D minor, Opus 63.

The Piano Trio Society at Notting Hill Churches, February 2011

The Society is delighted that the series of lunchtime concerts entitled "The Art of the Piano Trio" at Notting Hill churches during February proved to be a huge success with some wonderful performances and enthusiastic audiences. Special thanks to Richard Carruthers for making this series possible and to all those who took part. We are already looking at a further series! Details of programmes and performers were as follows:

Thursday 3 February - St John's Church - **Dionysus Trio** - Warwick Hewson (piano), Mark Pedus (violin), Samara Ginsberg (cello)

Programme: Schubert Trio in Eb, Opus 100

Thursday 10 February - St John's Church - **Amaryllis Piano Trio** - Susanna MacRae (piano), Hailey Willington (violin), Karoline Brevik (cello)

Haydn Piano Trio in C major, Hob XV:21; Beethoven Piano Trio no 5 in D major, Op 70 no1 "Ghost"; Bloch Three Nocturnes; Piazzolla Oblivion

Monday 14 February - St Peter's Church - **Eagle Trio** - Aleksandra Myslek (piano), Kanako Yanagida (violin), Peiyao Guo (cello)

Mendelssohn Piano Trio no 2 in C minor, Opus 66; Shostakovich Piano Trio no 2 Opus 67

Thursday 17 February - St John's Church - **Trio Serventes** - Aurelia Jonvaux (soprano), Ralph Lane (clarinet), Jennifer Carter (piano)

Schubert Shepherd on the Rock; Spohr Six German Songs, Op 83; Ned Rorem Ariel - Five Poems of Sylvia Plath

Monday 21 February - St Peter's Church - **Mediterranea Trio** - Elenlucia

Pappalardo (piano), Markella Vandoros (violin), Alessandro Sanquineti (cello)
Haydn Piano Trio in G major, Hob XV:25 "Gipsy"; Shostakovich Piano Trio no 1 in C minor, Opus 8, Mendelssohn Piano Trio no 2 in C minor, Opus 66

Thursday 24 February - St John's Church - **Dukas Trio** - Akiko Tominaga (piano), Francina Moll Salord (violin), Rachael Chesney (clarinet)
Stravinsky La histoire du Soldat; Aleksandr Grigori Arutiunian Suite for Clarinet Trio

Monday 28 February - St Peter's Church - **Trio Français** - Emmanuelle Turbelin (piano), Samuel Godefroi (violin), Axelle Porret (cello)
Brahms Piano Trio in B major, Opus 8; Piazzolla Four Seasons - Summer and Autumn

Saturday 5 March - Piano Trio Day - Warwick University Music Centre - 09.30 - 17.00

Piano Trio Day was held at Warwick University when six young trios received a masterclass and a lesson with coaches Michael Bochmann, Nicholas Roberts and Nils Franke. The day included a lunchtime talk on the Rachmaninov Trios by Nils Franke. Works which were studied included: Beethoven Piano Trio, op 11, Arensky Piano Trio no 1, Brahms Piano Trio op 8, Faure Piano Trio op 120, Rachmaninov Trio Elegiaque no 1 and Brahms Clarinet Trio op 114. Trios came from Birmingham Conservatoire, Royal College of Music, Guildhall School of Music, Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and St Swithun's School, Winchester. The standard was extremely high and was much enjoyed by students, coaches and audience alike.

Wednesday 23 November, 2011 - Steinway Hall, 6.30pm

We were delighted to present the thirteenth in a series of Trio Conversations in which we welcomed the distinguished guitarist and composer Gilbert Biberian and the Rautio Piano Trio who gave a preview of Biberian's first piano trio, entitled *Ithaca - after Cavafy*, prior to the world première on 19 January 2012. The work was commissioned by the Rautio Piano Trio with funds made available by Bill Kaye. The programme began with a performance of the Phantasie Piano Trio in C minor by Frank Bridge. We were delighted to present the thirteenth in a series of Trio Conversations in which we welcomed the distinguished guitarist and composer Gilbert Biberian and the Rautio Piano Trio who gave a preview of Biberian's first piano trio, entitled *Ithaca - after Cavafy*, prior to the world première on 19 January 2012. The work was commissioned by the Rautio Piano Trio with funds made available by Bill Kaye. The programme began with a performance of the Phantasie Piano Trio in C minor by Frank Bridge.

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Monday 19 April, Tuesday 20 April and Thursday 22 April, Steinway Hall

Beethoven Chamber Music Masterclass and Competition featuring Piano Trios - a joint event with the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe, with Professor Martin Lovett OBE:

Masterclasses: April 19th and 20th from 10.30am - 4.00pm

Concert and Competition: April 22nd, 6.30pm

Thursday 6 May, Trio Conversations, Steinway Hall, 6.30pm

A celebration of the Chopin bicentenary including a performance of Chopin Piano Trio in G minor, Opus 8 and Schumann Phantasiestucke Op 88 by the Silver-Silvera-Portugheis Piano Trio.

Tuesday 15 June, Trio Conversations, Steinway Hall, 6.30pm

Brahms Clarinet Trio performed by Trio Murvitz-Vanchestein-Park: pianist Batia Murvitz, clarinetist Uriel Vanchestein and cellist Se-Doo Park. Also on the programme was Stravinsky "The Soldier's Tale", which included violinist Helena Madoka Berg, and the slow movement of Beethoven Clarinet Trio in B flat, Opus 11.

Friday 8 October - Sunday 10 October

West Dean College hosted a lecture weekend on Haydn and the Development of the Classical Piano Trio from 8 – 10 October; also included was a concert of Haydn Trios on Saturday evening. The lecturer was Roy Stratford.

Thursday 21 October, Trio Conversations, Steinway Hall, 6.30pm

with the Marmara Piano Trio - Haydn Piano Trio in E major, Hob XV:28, Beethoven Piano Trio in Eb major, Opus 70 no 2

Friday 12 November, Piano Trio Conference, Senate House

The Society was pleased to cooperate in a Piano Trio Conference, THE PIANO TRIO: HISTORY, TECHNIQUE, PERFORMANCE, arranged by Middlesex University at Senate House, in association with The Institute of Musical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London on Friday 12 November 2010. The keynote presentation was given by David Owen Norris and the day concluded with a concert given by the Marmara Piano Trio.