

News and events 2016 - our 21st Anniversary year

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 27 January 2016, 2.00pm Steinway Hall

Future events were discussed and the existing Executive Committee was re-elected: Chairman - Jane Faulkner, Administrator and acting Treasurer - Christine Talbot-Cooper, Committee - Bobby Chen, Melvyn Cooper, Dr Mary Dullea, Julia Morneweg, Dr James Obelkevich and Jeremy Young. Alberto Portugheis continues as Advisor.

Piano Trio Day, Sunday 15 May, 09.30 -17.00, Clarendon Muse, Watford Grammar School for Boys.

This event took place once again at Clarendon Muse with tutors The Barbican Piano Trio. This was an inspiring day and works by Beethoven, Brahms and Mendelssohn were studied then performed in the concert which ended the day.

Beethoven Chamber Music Masterclasses, 16 & 17 May, Steinway Hall

This was a shared event with the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe and EPTA West London when our President Professor Peter Frankl was the tutor for the series of Masterclasses at Steinway Hall. These included violin/piano duos as well as piano trios and was followed on Wednesday 18 May by a Concert and Competition of chosen participants for the Gwyneth George Award, the prize for which was £400 and a concert in the BPSE 2016-2017 series. First Prize was awarded to Louko Piano Trio (RNCM) – Erkki Louko (violin) | Wayne Woo Seok Kwon (cello) | Victor Lim (piano), with Second Prize winners Amarins Wierdsma (violin) and Edward Liddall (piano) – Guildhall School of Music. There was a special mention for Jonel Manciu (violin) – Guildhall School Music of Music.

Saturday 5 November 2016, 3.00pm, Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral and Saturday 26 November, 2016, 3.00pm, Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral

We are delighted to confirm that the **première of the piano trio** we commissioned from **Adrian Williams** to mark our 21st Anniversary year and which is dedicated to our late and much missed Vice President, Dr Christopher Wynn Parry MBE, took place in the Chapter House at Gloucester Cathedral on Saturday 5 November 2016 at 3.00pm. It was performed by the **Fidelio Trio** as part of an all-English programme and was arranged in association with Gloucester Music Society, which also included a further world première in the following concert on Saturday 26 November when the **Bedriska Trio** included the new trio of **Christopher Brammeld** as part of their programme. Both concerts were well supported and ended a very memorable 21st Anniversary year.

News and events in 2015

Tuesday 27 January 2015

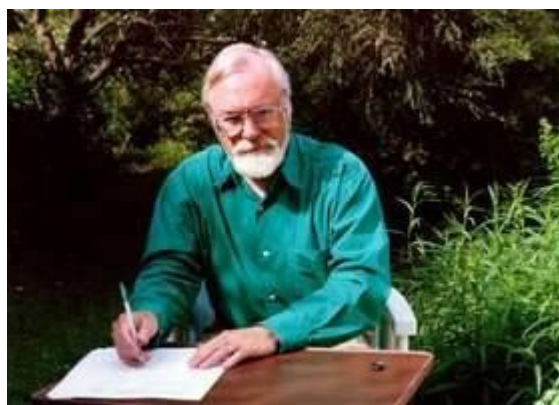
PTS members, the **Fidelio Trio** were at the **Royal Holloway** music department where they took part in a day devoted to new music written for piano trios. This included a student workshop at which Kelvin Thomson and Nathan James Dearden had their new pieces workshopped and rehearsed in an open session. This was followed by an open rehearsal of pieces by Royal Holloway Composer-in-Residence Ed Bennett, PhD composer Gavin Higgins and Director of Composition Mark Bowden, and the day finished with a concert where all the new works were performed.

Wednesday 28 January, Annual General Meeting, 2.00pm , Steinway Hall.

This was a successful meeting at which the major events planned to celebrate our 20th anniversary year were discussed. The committee was re-elected, with the exception of Nils Franke who has resigned, and we were delighted to welcome pianist Bobby Chen as a new committee member. Further details about events will be posted shortly but the two major events are a weekend at Sheffield University on 18/19 April and Piano Trio Day at Warwick University on Saturday 21 November! A summer event will also take place in London -- date to be confirmed.

John McCabe CBE

It is with great regret we have heard of the death of one of our Vice Presidents on Friday 13 February. John McCabe was well known and highly respected as both pianist and composer and had battled with brain cancer in recent years. His piano trio *Desert III - Landscape* featured in one of our events when he talked about the work which was then performed by the Eimer Piano Trio. A sad loss to us all and particularly to his devoted wife Monica, to whom we send our condolences.



Dr Christopher Wynn Parry MBE, HonRCM



We were sorry to lose Kit Wynn Parry, one of our Vice Presidents and a staunch supporter of the Piano Trio Society since its foundation, who died on Tuesday 24 February at the age of 90. Dr Wynn Parry was a Consultant in Rheumatology and Rehabilitation, who worked in The Royal Air Force from 1950-1977 in the medical rehabilitation units for which work he was made MBE in 1954. Subsequently, he went to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital as Director of Rehabilitation and Rheumatology and from 1989-1994 was Director of Rheumatology at King Edwards VII Hospital at Midhurst. After retiring, he became honorary Senior Consultant for the British Association for Performing Arts Medicine which he helped to develop. Throughout his career he held a deep interest in the musician's physical, emotional and psychological problems, the result of forming close friendships with many musicians, thus he learnt about the lifestyle and the medical problems of musicians and always set aside clinic time to attend to them. He played a large role in the development of the RCM's Centre for Performance Science, lecturing to students on the causes and treatment, and particularly prevention, of the injuries resulting from performance. He also gave numerous talks to members of our Society, usually under the title "*Health and the Musician*" and continued his work at BAPAM until retiring late last year at the age of 89. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Saturday/Sunday 18/19 April - University of Sheffield

We would like to thank all those who made the weekend such a success and in particular Dr Mary Dullea and the Fidelio Trio. The weekend included symposiums by a number of distinguished speakers, a concert by the Fidelio Piano Trio, which included the first performance of a new work and a day which included a composition workshop and masterclasses for music students and amateur players.

Saturday 18 April - Symposium on Performance Practice and Editions

10.30: Mozart Piano Trio editions - Professor Simon Keefe 12.15: 19th Century Performance Practice - Dr George Kennaway 14.30: Performance Practice and

Editions of Ravel's Piano Trio - Dr Mary Dullea and the Fidelio Trio 15.45: New piano trio *Inscriptions* - Dr Dorothy Ker and the Fidelio Trio

19.30: Recital by the Fidelio Trio in Firth Hall

Beethoven: Piano Trio in D major, Op 70 no 1 "Ghost" Dorothy Ker: *Inscriptions* (UK première) Ravel Piano Trio

Sunday 19 April

10.00 - 11.45: Composition Workshop following an International Call for Scores 12.00 - 17.30: Chamber Music Coaching for Piano and Strings Ensembles by members of the Fidelio Trio.

Sunday 10 May, 3.00pm - Burgh House, Hampstead

The **Marmara Piano Trio** presented "*The Romantic Piano Trio*" in a programme which included the dramatic early C minor piano trio of Beethoven, the virtuosic Mendelssohn D minor Trio and Brahms Hungarian Dances. This was our first concert at Burgh House and we were delighted to have a good audience.

Piano Trio Society member **Trio Martinu** visited UK for a short tour recently: Friday 22 May - The Barn, Carlton, 7.30pm - Beethoven Op 11, Martinu Trio no 2, Dvorák F minor Op 65 Saturday 23 May - Honiton Festival - 7.30pm - Beethoven Op 11, Martinu Trio no 2, Dvorák F minor Op 65 Sunday 24 May - Conway Hall, London - 6.30pm - Beethoven Op 11, Martinu Trio no 2, Dvorák Op 21 Monday 25 May - St Mary's Church, Perivale - 3.00pm - Beethoven Op 11, Martinu Trio no 2, Dvorák Op 90 'Dumky'

Wednesday 14 October, The Forge, London NW1 7NL, 7.30pm

A recital of new/recent music for violin and piano by members **Darragh Morgan and Mary Dullea**, included works by Richard Causton, Gerald Barry, Benedict Schlepper-Connelly, Dobrinka Tabakova, Kate Whitley, Sam Hayden and Camden Reeves.

A Piano Trio Festival - a series of lunchtime concerts at Notting Hill churches throughout October to celebrate our 20th anniversary

This Piano Trio Festival celebrated our 20th anniversary with a wide range of music and was widely regarded by both participants and audience members as a great success. Thank you to all who took part and especially to Richard Carruthers for the huge amount of time he spent in ensuring the festival was a success.

Thursday concerts at St John's were:

Thursday 1 October - Icknield Piano Trio - Schubert - Piano Trio in B flat major, Op 99;
Frank Bridge - Phantasie Trio in C minor

Thursday 8 October - Galos Piano Trio - Stanford - Piano Trio no 3 in A major, Op 158;
Mendelssohn - Piano Trio no 1 in D minor, Op 49

Thursday 15 October - Millbrook Ensemble - Mozart - Divertimento in B flat; Clara
Schumann - Piano Trio in G minor, Op 17

Thursday 22 October - Marmara Piano Trio - Dvorak Piano Trio in F minor, Op 65;
Mahler Piano Quartet

Thursday 29 October - Trio Heitschi Bumbeitschi - Koechlin - Quatre petite pièces;
Brahms - Trio for Horn, Violin and Piano in E flat, Op 40

Monday concerts at St Peter's were:

Monday 5 October - Barbican Piano Trio - Hugh Wood - Overture for Piano Trio, Op
48; Saint-Saens - Piano Trio no 2 in E minor, Op 92

Monday 12 October - Isola Trio - Milhaud - Suite; Amargos - Atlantic Trio; Bartok -
Contrasts

Monday 19 October - Skazki Trio - Rachmaninov - Trio Elegaique no 1 in G minor;
Debussy - Piano Trio in G major; Haydn - Piano Trio no 44 Hob XV:28

Monday 26 October - Birmingham Conservatoire Trio - Brahms - Piano Trio no 3 in C
minor, Op 101; Smetana - Piano Trio in G minor, Op 15

Saturday 21 November - Piano Trio Day - Warwick University - with tutors pianist
Allan Schiller, cellist Nicholas Roberts and violinist Roger Coull. We had six trios
taking part for what proved to be an inspirational day of coaching ending with a
concert by the participating trios. Works studied were Shostakovich Piano Trio no 1,
Beethoven Op 1 no 3, Schubert Eb Trio, Kreisler Miniature Viennese March, Chopin G
minor trio, Op 8 and Brahms C minor trio no 3.

London Piano Trio presented further concerts in their Beethoven Cycle at St John's
Smith Square on **Sunday, 29 November** and **Sunday, 17 January**.