

PRESS RELEASE

CONCERT

SITKOVETSKY TRIO

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October 2020
The Shoe Factory, Nicosia / 8.30pm

Having established itself as one of the most exceptional piano trios of today, with performances in the foremost concert halls around the world, such as the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Frankfurt Alte Oper, Palais des Beaux Arts in Brussels, Musée du Louvre in Paris, L'Auditori in Barcelona, Wigmore Hall in London and Lincoln Center in New York, the sensational Sitkovetsky Trio is travelling to Cyprus to appear in the Pharos Arts Foundation's Concert & Recital Series in a spectacular programme of piano trios by Schumann, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the limited seating available, the Sitkovetsky Trio will offer two concerts of the same programme, on Thursday 29 and Friday 30 October 2020, at The Shoe Factory, in Nicosia / 8:30pm. The audience is advised to purchase their tickets in advance through the Pharos Arts Foundation's box office.

PROGRAMME:

Schumann: *Phantasiestücke for violin, cello & piano in A minor, Op.88*

Beethoven: *Piano Trio in G major, Op.1, No.2*

Tchaikovsky: *Piano Trio in A minor, Op.50*

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Alexander Sitkovetsky / violin

Wu Qian / piano

Isang Enders / cello

The Sitkovetsky Trio has established itself as an exceptional piano trio of today, with sensational performances in the foremost concert halls around the world. Its three musicians (violinist Alexander Sitkovetsky, pianist Wu Qian and cellist Isang Enders) have brought the ensemble critical acclaim and invitations to venues such as the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, Frankfurt Alte Oper, Palais des Beaux Arts in Brussels, Musée du Louvre in Paris, L'Auditori in Barcelona, Wigmore Hall in London and Lincoln Center in New York, to name but a few.

The 2020/21 season will see the trio return to Lincoln Center New York, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Alte Oper Frankfurt and Frederiksvaerk Festival in Denmark, as well as making their debuts at Tel Aviv Museum of Modern Art and the chamber music series in Bern and Basel. The trio will also return to and extensively tour the UK for performances at Wigmore Hall, St George's Bristol, Manchester Chamber Society and Cambridge Summer Music Festival amongst others. Further tours will take the trio to Spain and South America.

Highlights of the past seasons have been a residency at Hong Kong City Hall with performances of Beethoven's triple concerto with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, as well as chamber music, and an extensive tour in Asia, performing concerts throughout South Korea, Singapore and Japan. In May 2019, the Trio performed the world premiere of a new triple concerto by Charlotte Bray with the Philharmonia Orchestra, with further performances planned. Other appearances included the Bath Mozartfestival, Beethovenhaus Bonn, Frederiksvaerk and Hindsgavl Festival in Denmark and the Rheingau Musik Festival.

The Trio has performed the Beethoven Triple Concerto with the Konzerthausorchester Berlin, the Netherlands Philharmonic, the Munich Symphony and the Anhaltische Philharmonie Dessau. It has appeared in festivals such as

Music@Menlo in California, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Hong Kong International Chamber Music Festival, and the Menuhin Festival in Gstaad, as well as at the Bergen, Rheingau and Cheltenham Music festivals, to great acclaim. In addition, it has embarked on numerous tours, including a tour of the USA with concerts in San Francisco and Washington DC, a China tour with performances in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou and a second successful tour of Australia with Musica Viva, receiving numerous glowing reviews.

First prize-winner of the International Commerzbank Chamber Music Award, the Sitkovetsky Trio is also a recipient of the NORDMETALL Chamber Music Award at the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Festival and the Philharmonia-Martin Chamber Music Award. It has been supported by the Hattori Foundation, the Musicians Benevolent Fund in London, the Fidelio Trust in Italy and the Swiss Global Artistic Foundation. Moreover, it has been a recipient of the Golubovich Fellowship, the Richard Cairnes Junior Fellowship for Chamber Music at Trinity Laban College of Music, a Royal Northern College of Music Fellowship and held a Junior Fellowship at the Royal Academy of Music from 2008 to 2010.

The Sitkovetsky Trio released its first recording for BIS Records in 2014 including works by Smetana, Suk and Dvořák to much critical acclaim. This led to further releases of works by Brahms and Schubert on the Wigmore Live Label and another recording for BIS of Mendelssohn Trios in 2015. Recently, the Trio has recorded a third disc for BIS – Beethoven's Trios Op.1 and Op.70, and Allegretto in B-flat major for Piano Trio WoO 39, as part of their complete Beethoven cycle.

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