

Vienna Piano Trio

Wolfgang Redik, violin

Matthias Gredler, violoncello

Stefan Mendl, piano

The Vienna Piano Trio, founded in 1988, has achieved a "meteoric rise to fame" (*The Strad*), and has been hailed as one of the "world's leading ensembles of piano, violin and cello" (*The Washington Post*). The trio won numerous prizes at international competitions and had among its most important mentors and teachers members of the Trio di Trieste, the Haydn Trio Wien, Isaac Stern, Jaime Laredo, Ralph Kirshbaum, members of the La Salle and Guarneri Quartets, and of the Beaux Arts Trio.

Today the ensemble performs tours worldwide appearing in the major venues of London, Berlin, Amsterdam, Brussels, Barcelona, Budapest, Buenos Aires, Bogota, Sydney, and Tokyo.

Touring in the last few years took the group to, among others, England (BBC-Manchester, Wigmore Hall, St. Luke's - the Beethoven Triple with the English Chamber Orchestra, The City of London Festival), Germany (Beethoventage Bonn), Japan (Tokyo, Yokohama), France (Paris, Lyon), Belgium (Brussels, Antwerp), The Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand and South America. Other recent engagements include Beethoven Fest Bonn (the Beethoven Triple w. Munich Chmb. O.), the Heidelberg Fruehling (all Schumann trios), and appearances at Berlin Konzerthaus, Hamburg Musikhalle.

On this continent, the group has appeared, among others, in New York City (Lincoln Center, Weil Recital Hall, Frick Collection) Washington (Kennedy Center, National Gallery, Library of Congress), Baltimore, in Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Seattle, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Vancouver, and Mexico City.

The trio has also performed at many of the leading music festivals, including the Schubertiade Schwarzenberg, Wiener Festwochen, Salzburg Mozartwoche, Carinthischer Sommer, Festival of Flanders, Aix-en-Provence, Schleswig-Holstein, Kuhmo Chamber Music and Bratislava Music Festivals, at the Canadian festivals of Ottawa International Chamber, Lanaudiere, Domaine Forget, Quebec City International, and the Casals Festival in Puerto Rico.

For a number of years, the ensemble performed in Vienna at the Wiener Musikverein within the "Jeunesse Musicale series; since the fall of 2006, the trio has been ensemble-in-residence at Vienna's Konzerthaus Mozartsaal. In addition, Wigmore Hall has named it to be its ensemble-in-residence for the 2011/12 season.

Concerts of the ensemble have been repeatedly broadcast on BBC3, WNYC and NPR stations, and the trio has appeared live on WGBH Boston and St. Paul Sunday.

After two Brahms recordings for Naxos, the Vienna Piano Trio went on to record for Nimbus (Haydn, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Schnittke and Shostakovich, and Mozart) which won many awards, including the British magazine *Classic CD's* "Top of the Class", London Times' "Classical Album of the Year". Since 2003, the ensemble has been recording for the German MDG label. BBC Music Magazine declared its Vols I and II of Schubert Benchmark Recordings. Its Dvorak Vols I and II, were met with critical acclaim as well; a recording of the Steuermann arrangement of Schoenberg's *Verklaerte Nacht* won among others the Pizzicato's Supersonic Award. A recording of Tchaikovsky and Smetana, was named to the Gramophone Editor's Choice List for February 2009. A Haydn recording was released in May 2009. and won 5 stars by BBC Music Magazine.

Besides its concert activities, the ensemble has begun teaching on a more and more regular basis. The three musicians have given master classes at London's Wigmore Hall and Royal College of Music, at Sydney's Conservatory of Music, at the University of Wellington as well as in Finland, France and in the USA. Wolfgang Redik, the violinist is professor at the Mozarteum Salzburg and heads up the chamber music program. Stefan Mendl regularly appears in recitals with Clemens Hagen, cello.

Wolfgang Redik plays a J.B. Guadagnini violin from 1772 which is on loan from the Austrian National Bank.

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