

Beethoven Trio Vienna

Christiane Karajeva, Piano Markus Wolf, Violin Yves Savary, Cello

Sunday, February 23, 1997, 3:00 p.m. Faye Spanos Concert Hall University of the Pacific Stockton, California

Program

Piano Trio in B Major, Op. 8

Allegro con brio

Scherzo: Allegro molto

Adagio Allegro Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

-Intermission-

Trio in G Major, K. 496

Allegro

Andante

Allegretto

Piano Trio in A minor

Modéré

Pantoum

Passacaille

Final

Maurice Ravel

W. A. Mozart

(1756-1791)

(1875-1937)

This program is dedicated to the memory of Florence Makino

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Christiane Karajeva, pianist, received a Diploma with Honors at the Vienna Academy. She has

studied in Moscow and was a prize winner in the International Beethoven Competition and the International Bösendorfer Competition in Vienna. She has appeared as soloist throughout Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Near East.



Markus Wolf, violinist, has also received a Diploma with Honors at the Vienna Academy, and won first prize at the Austrian National Competition. In 1987 he was appointed concertmaster of the Vienna Symphony and since 1989 has been concertmaster of the Munich State Opera.



Yves Savary, cellist, has studied at the Musikakademie Basel, in Vienna, Italy and the United States. He has been principal cellist with the Bavarian State Orchestra in Munich and regularly appears with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe as well as other ensembles. He joined the Beethoven Trio Vienna in 1995.

Program Notes

Johannes Brahms Piano Trio in B Major, Op. 8



finished in 1854. It contained an abundance of ideas, countless technical difficulties and considerable length, and in 1888, Brahms undertook a thorough revision. He shortened, simplified and diversified it. The main theme of the first movement survives intact and is broad and stately. It grows gradually from a quiet statement in the piano, through the addition of the cello, to a sonorous recap by all three instruments. After development of the thematic material, a final concise recap is heard.

The Scherzo hurries along, with dramatic outbursts alternating with soft passages. The trio becomes increasingly exuberant to the end with an almost literal repetition of the Scherzo with a brief coda.

The Adagio is in three-part form with a rich texture. The opening melody is in a dialogue with the piano and strings, the cello melody appears and is then carried on by the violin. The first section returns to bring the movement to a quiet close.

The cello introduces the first theme of the Finale, creating an aura of disquiet, but the second theme in the piano dispels the restlessness. Both themes lead to the Coda,

affirming the opening theme.



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Trio in G Major, K. 496

The piano trios of Mozart are considered, to some extent, accompanied sonatas. K. 496 is the first of a group of piano trios and the last is K. 564. Both the first and last are in G Major and each possesses a variation movement. This trio is in three movements: Allegro, Andante, and Allegretto, and especially notable is the slow movement. This andante has an elaborate yet economical four-part counterpoint, not unlike string quartet textures.



Maurice Ravel Piano Trio in A minor

The first theme for the *Modéré* was derived by Ravel from a popular Basque folk dance. This folk-like theme, stated first by the piano and then by the strings, undergoes several transformations in the course of the movement. The







second theme is slightly slower, but in the same rhythm. It places incredible demands on all three players to obtain the range of tone colors and effects demanded.

The second movement's title, *Pantoum*, is from a Malayan verse form used on occasion by Victor Hugo and Baudelaire. Really a Scherzo, the movement opens with sharp, highly rhythmic motifs. The music then quiets and the violin has a transition to a solemn chordal progression played by the piano. The concluding section recalls the opening.

The Passacaille is based on a Baroque form in which a melody is subjected to continuous variation. The theme is heard first in the bass of the piano and each variation that follows raises it in pitch and texture. It continues to build to the 7th variation after which it descends, dropping in power and ending played by the piano alone. The music proceeds without pause to the Final, a musical tour de force. The instrumental writing is spectacular, with Ravel using all sorts of technical devices. The movement ends with a dazzling conclusion.



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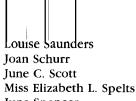
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