

Trio Isimsiz



“...a piano trio that already has that vital combination of unanimity of ensemble and musicianship, plus plenty of individual character and vitality”

Andrew McGregor, BBC Radio 3

Pablo Hernán Benedí - violin
Michael Petrov - cello
Erdem Misirlioglu - piano

Formed in 2009 at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, in 2015 the **Trio Isimsiz** won 1st Prize and the Audience Prize at the Trondheim Competition, and in 2017 2nd Prize at the Haydn International Competition in Vienna. They were selected for representation by Young Classical Artists Trust (YCAT) between 2013 and 2018, and in February 2018 won a Borletti-Buitoni Trust Fellowship Award.

The Trio has performed widely in Europe, highlights including recitals at the Stavanger, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Peasmarsh and Gower Festivals (broadcast by BBC Radio 3), the Tivoli Concert Hall, Fundación Juan March in Madrid and Marianischer-Saal in Lucerne. Further afield they have undertaken tours in China and Argentina.

The Trio Isimsiz are currently Fellows at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. They have collaborated with Anthony Marwood, Krzysztof Chorzelski, Richard Lester and Aleksander Madzar and attended IMS Prussia Cove working with Ferenc Rados.

During their studies, the Trio undertook residencies at the Banff Centre in Canada, Jeunesse Musicales Chamber Music, Germany and Mozarteum, Salzburg, and participated in masterclasses with András Schiff, Steven Isserlis, Menahem Pressler, Thomas Riebl, Wolfgang Reddick, the Gould Piano Trio, Belcea and Takács Quartet.

The 2017-2018 season saw the release of their first CD on Rubicon, hailed as “an outstanding debut” by Gramophone. Notable performances include the Kölner Philharmonie, Trondheim Chamber Music Festival, their return to the Aldeburgh Festival, and an all-Beethoven programme at Paris’s Théâtre des Abbesses.

Highlights of the 2018-19 season include performances at Wigmore Hall, Snape Maltings, Hannover Chamber Music Society, Kettle’s Yard in Cambridge and Ettlingen Schlosskonzerte. Further ahead, the trio look forward to a performance at Beethovenwoche Bonn as well as a new commission by Francisco Coll.

All three members of the Trio Isimsiz Piano Trio enjoy great success individually. Erdem Misirlioglu was a Concerto Finalist in the BBC Young Musician competition in 2008, Pablo Hernán Benedí is a member of the Chiaroscuro Quartet, formed by Alina Ibragimova, and Michael Petrov represented the UK in the European Concert Halls Organisation Rising Star series.

Pablo Hernán Benedí was born in 1991 in Madrid. He studied at the C.I. Padre Antonio Soler Conservatory in San Lorenzo de El Escorial and at the GSMD with David Takeno. In 2010 Pablo became a member of the Chiaroscuro Quartet, formed by Alina Ibragimova, Emilie Hornlund and Claire Thirion, appearing at major venues throughout Europe. The Quartet’s debut recording was released in 2011 to critical acclaim.

Michael Petrov was born in 1990 in Bulgaria. He studied at the Yehudi Menuhin School and at the GSMD with Louise Hopkins, winning the Gold Medal in 2014. Over the two years he has made his debut with the Philharmonia, Royal Philharmonic, Bournemouth Symphony and English Chamber Orchestras. During 2014/15 he gave recitals at major concert halls throughout Europe as part of his nomination by the Barbican Centre as an ECHO Rising Star.

Erdem Misirlioglu was born in 1989 in Suffolk. He studied with Mark Fielding at the Junior GSMD and since 2008 with Martin Roscoe and Ronan O’Hora at the GSMD. In 2008 he was a Concerto Finalist in the BBC Young Musicians Competition, performing Rachmaninov’s Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. He recently won 1st Prize in the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe’s Intercollegiate Piano Competition. 

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