

## Leonore Piano Trio



*"Hard to imagine playing of a greater empathy [...] The Leonores play with truly glorious affection and security"*

**Gramophone Magazine**

**Benjamin Nabarro** – violin

**Gemma Rosefield** - cello

**Tim Horton** – piano

Formed in 2012, the **Leonore Trio** brings together three internationally acclaimed artists whose piano trio performances as part of Ensemble 360 were met with such an enthusiastic response that they decided to form a piano trio in its own right.

The Trio has since given concerts throughout the UK, Italy, Norway (Bergen International Festival and Oslo Concert Hall), Denmark and in New Zealand. Whilst in New Zealand they played to and coached a group of young musicians as part of the Sistema Aotearoa programme, and were adjudicators of the Royal Over-Seas League New Zealand Chamber Music Competition. Their concert in Hamilton was broadcast on Radio New Zealand.

The Trio's debut recording of Hyperion, of piano trios by Anton Arensky, was released in March 2014. The disc received critical acclaim both nationally and internationally, and they have since recorded seven more discs for the label, each championing little-known but highly regarded composers. Previous releases include discs of works by Henry Charles Litolf, Edouard Lalo, Johann Peter Pixis, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Sergei Taneyev, and two discs of works by Sir Hubert Parry in honour of the composer's centenary. Their most recent disc, released in April 2022 of Woldemar Bargiel's Piano Trios, received five star reviews for its "gloriously vibrant performances", "graceful, urbane playing and flowing lyricism", and was described as "delightful and diverting listening".

The Leonore Trio's members are keen exponents of contemporary music: they gave the first performance of *Holkham Beach*, a piece written for and dedicated to the Trio by Simon Rowland-Jones; and they play the piano trios of distinguished composers including David Matthews, and Harrison Birtwistle.

Recent highlights include a performance of the complete Beethoven Piano Trios at Kings Place, and an even broader long-term project, including all the works by Beethoven for piano trio, piano and violin, and piano and cello for Music in the Round in Sheffield, and the Triple Concerto with the Hallam Sinfonia. The Trio also returned to Istanbul's Süreyya Opera House, LSO St Luke's, Wigmore Hall, St David's Cardiff, Royal Concert Hall Nottingham, and Sage Gateshead. In August 2022 they gave the world premiere of Huw Watkins' Piano Trio No. 2 at the Presteigne Festival's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, and in 2024, they performed the work alongside trios by Dvorak and Helen Grime in their debut at the Edinburgh International Festival.

Highlights of the current season include the world premiere of Daniel Kidane's new piano trio at Wigmore Hall, performances across the UK.

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### **Benjamin Nabarro, Violin**

Described by *Musical Opinion* as "an outstanding artist", Benjamin Nabarro has performed throughout Europe, North America, Africa, and the Middle and Far East.

As a soloist or guest concertmaster he has played with the BBC Symphony, BBC Scottish Symphony, English Chamber and Scottish Chamber Orchestras, and with the Philharmonia, where he played Scherezade under the baton of Charles Dutoit. His concerto performances have won praise for their "purity of style, elegance of phrasing and unsurpassed perfection of technique" (*Musical Opinion*).

Benjamin is a regular guest of the Nash Ensemble, where he has appeared in concerts worldwide, and has made numerous recordings for Hyperion and Dutton. His concerto engagements have included performances of works by Glazounov, Mendelssohn, Mozart and Brahms, and he has regularly been invited to the festivals of Schleswig Holstein, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Nuremberg, Cheltenham, BBC Proms, Aldeburgh and Bath.

He plays on a violin made by G.B Rogeri of 1695.

### **Gemma Rosefield, Cello**

Winner of the prestigious Pierre Fournier Award at Wigmore Hall in 2007, Gemma made her concerto debut at the age of sixteen, when she won First Prize in the European Music for Youth Competition in Oslo, Norway, playing a televised performance of the Saint-Saëns Concerto with the Norwegian Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Gemma has released a much acclaimed recording for Hyperion of the complete works for cello and orchestra by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. Described by *The Strad* as a "mesmerising musical treasure", by the *London Evening Standard* as "a phenomenal talent", and featured in *BBC Music Magazine* as "one to watch", Gemma made her solo debut in the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam and in the Diligentia, The Hague, in the New Masters International Recital Series. On BBC Radio 3 she performed Michael Ellison's Concerto for cello, Turkish instruments and orchestra with the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

Gemma plays on an Alessandro Gagliano cello of 1704, formerly belonging to the Prince Regent.

### **Tim Horton, Piano**

Tim Horton replaced Alfred Brendel at short notice in two performances of Schoenberg's Piano Concerto with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Sir Simon Rattle at Symphony Hall Birmingham and at the Royal Festival Hall in London. In 2005 he was made Scholar of the Klavier Festival Ruhr, at the instigation of Alfred Brendel.

He is pianist with Ensemble 360, and has collaborated with leading chamber musicians such as Adrian Brendel, Paul Lewis, Peter Cropper, the Elias and Vertavo Quartets, Charles Owen and the Kungsbacka Trio. He plays regularly with violist Robin Ireland, and their two recordings for Nimbus have been highly acclaimed.

As a soloist he has performed in recital and concerto throughout Europe and is currently engaged in a four-year cycle of the Beethoven Sonatas at the Crucible, Sheffield.