

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
Edvard Pogossian - 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 performs widely in Europe, with highlights including recitals at the Trondheim, Stavanger, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, and Peasmarsh Festivals (broadcast by BBC Radio 3), the Kölner Philharmonie, Tivoli Concert Hall, Théâtre des Abbesses in Paris, Fundación Juan March in Madrid and Marianischer-Saal in Lucerne. Further afield, they have toured in China and Argentina.

The Trio Isimsiz are Fellows at the Guildhall. 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.

Recent highlights include performances at Aldeburgh Festival's Schubertiade, Wigmore Hall, Kettle's Yard, Jersey Arts Centre, Beethoven-Haus Bonn and Ettlingen Schlosskonzerte, broadcast on SWR Radio, as well as Beethoven's Triple Concerto in their debut with the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Brighton Festival. Following their debut recording of Brahms, Takemitsu and Beethoven, they released their second disc for Rubicon of works by Fauré, Schubert and Brahms in September 2020. The disc was warmly described by *The Strad* as "softly measured romance and taut poise...an eagerly anticipated follow up to an impressive debut".

In the 21/22 season, the Trio also gave the world premiere of Francisco Coll's new piano trio in Madrid and Badajoz, and the UK premiere at the Aldeburgh Festival. It will feature on their third disc for Rubicon alongside trios by Brahms and Korngold.

All three members of the Trio Isimsiz 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. Edvard Pogossian is the winner of the Juilliard Concerto Competition.

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.

Edvard Pogossian is a graduate of the Juilliard School studying with Natasha Brofsky, and of Royal College of Music with Richard Lester. As the winner of the Juilliard Concerto Competition, he performed Tchaikovsky Roco Variations at David Geffen Hall in New York under the direction of Itzhak Perlman, and was praised for his "astonishing musical and technical maturity".

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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