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World-renowned Vienna Piano Trio to perform in Ottawa as part of their farewell tour!

Tickets now on sale for live performance on April 2, 2022

Ottawa, Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – Music and Beyond is excited to announce that the **Vienna Piano Trio** will perform in Ottawa on **Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 7:30 pm**. This concert is part of the trio's Farewell Tour of North America and is the last opportunity to hear this remarkable ensemble in Canada. The concert will take place at Carleton Dominion-Chalmer's Centre.

For many years, the Vienna Piano Trio has been acknowledged as one of the world's finest piano trios. Recent performances have included such venues as the Vienna Konzerthaus, Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Konzerthaus Berlin, Wigmore Hall London, and Cité de la Musique in Paris.

In 2018, the trio was joined by Clemens Hagen, one of the great cellists of our time. As a founding member of the Hagen Quartet, together with his three siblings, Hagen has performed in venues around the world, and counts Martha Argerich, Evgeny Kissin, Mitsuko Uchida, Valery Afanassiev, Gidon Kremer, Leonidas Kavakos, Maxim Vengerov, Yuri Bachmet and Sabine Meyer amongst his other chamber partners. He has also performed as a soloist with orchestras including the Berlin Philharmonic, the Vienna Symphony and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. He performs on a superb Stradivarius cello from 1698.

“The Vienna Piano Trio has been a favourite with Music and Beyond audiences since the festival was founded in 2010,” states Music and Beyond's director, Julian Armour. “We are honoured that this group has included Ottawa in their Farewell Tour, and we are especially delighted that they arranged their tour so that their Ottawa performance will be held on a Saturday!”

The trio will perform three of the gems of the chamber music repertoire: **Schubert's** Piano Trio No.1 in B-flat major and his beautiful Adagio, *Notturmo*, and **Mendelssohn's** Piano Trio No.1 in D minor.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for students. Special Reserved Section seating is \$75. Tickets for the live concert are limited due to social distancing requirements. The concert will also be livestreamed. Tickets for the livestream are \$15. Ticket holders for both the live concert and the livestream will be able to watch the filmed concert for two weeks. Tickets can be ordered through www.musicandbeyond.ca

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Vienna Piano Trio – The Farewell Tour

Saturday, April 2, 2022

David McCarroll – violin / violon

Clemens Hagen – cello / violoncello

Stefan Mendl - piano

Program / Programme

Schubert - Adagio, *Notturmo*, D.897

Mendelssohn - Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, opus 49

Schubert - Piano Trio No.1 in B-flat major, D.898, opus 99

The Vienna Piano Trio

Long established as one of the world's leading chamber ensembles, and perennially fresh in its artistry, the Vienna Piano Trio was founded in 1988 by the Viennese pianist Stefan Mendl. His partners are the Californian violinist David McCarroll, a member of the trio since 2015, and the Austrian cellist Clemens Hagen, who joined in 2018.

Together, the players embody the ensemble's continuing commitment to bridging the traditions and practices of Europe and America. This philosophy stems from the trio's early years and its

mentoring by such ensembles as the Trio di Trieste, the Haydn-Trio Wien, the Beaux Arts Trio, the Guarneri and LaSalle quartets, and by the violinists Isaac Stern and Jaime Laredo.

Both sustaining and renewing the repertoire for piano trio, the ensemble complements the masterworks of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries with new works, the product of collaborations with such leading contemporary composers as Friedrich Cerha, Georg Friedrich Haas, György Kurtág, Johannes Maria Staud and Jörg Widmann.

Since the 2006-7 season the Vienna Piano Trio has had its own subscription series at the Vienna Konzerthaus and it is a regular visitor to the world's major concert halls (such as Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Palau de la Musica Catalana in Barcelona, Konzerthaus Berlin, Wigmore Hall London and Cité de la Musique in Paris) and festivals (such as the Schubertiade Schwarzenberg, Wiener Festwochen, Mozartwoche Salzburg, Grafenegg, Rheingau, Schleswig-Holstein Musik Festival, Flanders, Aix-en-Provence, Prades-Casals, Kuhmo, Princeton Summer and Caramoor).

Engagements in 2018-19 included a concert cycle at Vienna Konzerthaus and a performance at the Schubertiade in Schwarzenberg, and the 2019-20 season brought an emphasis on Beethoven and, in series at the Vienna Konzerthaus and London's Wigmore Hall, the piano trios and string sonatas of Brahms. In 2020 the trio made a tour of the USA and Canada, visiting Philadelphia, New York, Houston, Los Angeles and Ottawa.

The Vienna Piano Trio's extensive prize-winning discography on the Naxos, Nimbus and MDG labels embraces the complete piano trios of Brahms, Dvořák, Saint-Saëns, Schönberg/Steuermann, Schubert, Tchaikovsky and Zemlinsky, as well as works by Beethoven, Haydn, Ravel, Schumann and others. The ensemble's recent recordings include the Ravel and Chausson piano trios as well as Beethoven's 'Archduke' and Op. 1 No. 3. The Penguin Guide to Recorded Classical Music has described the ensemble's playing of Schubert as "outstanding in every way ... wonderfully fresh and spring-like ... true chamber-music-making by a beautifully matched team," while its Dvořák led the Washington Post to write of "a rapport that makes the performance feel like a conversation among friends, and a high level of technical precision ... an almost transcendent experience."

David McCarroll plays a 1761 Gagliano violin and Clemens Hagen plays a Stradivarius cello from 1698. Stefan Mendl will be playing on a 9-foot Steinway Concert Grand Piano, provided by the Steinway Piano Gallery Ottawa.