

TRIO E.T.A.

ELENE MEIPARIANI - VIOLIN

HARK SUKIASYAN - CELLO

TILL HOFFMANN - PIANO

There could hardly be a more fitting name for this trio. The Trio E. T. A. has chosen to associate itself with the writer, composer and critic E. T. A. Hoffmann: The ensemble started its trio playing with romantic music, but they soon discovered their love for creative interconnections. Now their repertoire spans the wealth of chamber music from the classical to the contemporary periods. Because of his versatility and his regard for music as the highest art form, E.T.A. Hoffmann serves as an inspiration for the musicians. In addition to performing masterpieces for piano trio, they are particularly interested in lesser-known or fascinating new discoveries as well as contemporary music. This interest led to Isabel Mundry dedicating a work to the Trio E.T.A. that will be premiered in 2023.

In 2021 the young ensemble was awarded the German Music Competition prize, the special prize of the Rotary Club of Bonn as well as the prize of the Friends of Young Musicians Germany. The promising development of the Trio E.T.A. has since been supported with a large number of concert offers. In 2021-22, the trio made its debut at the Konzerthaus in Berlin, the European Cultural Forum of Mainau, the Beethoven House in Bonn, the Weingartner Music Festival and the Weilburger Schlosskonzerte, among others. In 2022 the trio also received the Walbusch-Prize of the Jeunesses Musicales Deutschland.

The ensemble's debut CD, featuring trios by Joseph Haydn, Bedřich Smetana and Roman Pawollek, was released in February 2023 on the Leipzig recording label GENUIN.

The artistic activity of the ensemble has been documented by numerous radio and television productions ever since its founding. In 2020, for example, the trio was featured in the NDR program "Podium der Jungen." In 2023, a production for ARD Klassik will be broadcast, featuring trios by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and Dmitri Shostakovich, as well as several concert recordings by the SWR, NDR and BR.

In addition, the trio E.T.A. was selected as SWR2 New Talent in 2023 and will be promoted over a period of three years with program contributions, concerts and through CD productions.

The musicians can also look back on considerable successes as soloists: they are prize winners and winners of prestigious competitions such as the TONALi Competition or the "Ton und Erklärung" Competition and have performed as soloists with the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra, the Halle State Orchestra and the Mariinsky Orchestra, among others, in halls such as the Laeiszhalle Hamburg, the Elbphilharmonie, the Mariinsky Theater, the Salle Cortot Paris or the Auditorio Nacional Madrid.

Since July 2023 Hayk Sukiasyan takes the position on the cello and will be joined by Elene Meipariani (violin) and Till Hoffmann (piano) in all concerts of the ensemble.

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