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**HONEST BROOK
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Presents

Lysander Piano Trio

**2017 SUMMER SEASON
JULY 22, 2017**

THE ARTISTS



The **Lysander Piano Trio** has been praised by the *Strad* magazine for its “incredible ensemble, passionate playing, articulate and imaginative ideas and wide palette of colours.” The Trio earned top honors at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, the Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition and the J. C. Arriaga Chamber Music Competition. The *New York Times* acclaimed the trio’s 2014 debut recording, *After a Dream* (CAG Records) — featuring music by Ravel, Haydn, Schubert, Joaquin Turina, and Moshe Zorman

– for its “polished and spirited interpretations.” The Trio’s 2016-2017 season includes, besides Honest Brook Music Festival, international summer festivals, as well as the Mostly Mozart’s 50th Anniversary season at David Geffen Hall and an appearance at The Chautauqua Institution and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The Lysander Trio has also been involved in commissioning new works, such as Gilad Cohen’s *Around the Cauldron*, along with CAG and set for a world premiere as part of the 2016-17 CAG New York Series at Weill Recital Hall. Other recent Lysander Trio commissions include *Ghostwritten Variations* by Venezuelan-American composer Reinaldo Moya, who received a 2015 McKnight Fellowship; Jakub Ciupinski’s *The Black Mirror* (also co-commissioned by CAG and premiered at Weill Recital Hall); and *Four Movements Inspired by “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,”* penned by four pre-teen composers of ComposerCraft from NYC’s Kaufman Music Center and premiered at Merkin Concert Hall in January 2014. The Lysander debuted April 2014 at Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall, for which *The New York Times* lauded the ensemble’s “...rich sound and nuanced musicianship...resulting in a finely hued collaboration among the three musicians.” Recent notable New York dates were at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall, the New School, and Merkin Concert Hall.

Pianist **Liza Stepanova** received her DMA from The Juilliard School with a Richard F. French Award for an outstanding dissertation and has studied with Joseph Kalichstein, Seymour Lipkin, Jerome Lowenthal, and George Sava. Following teaching positions at The Juilliard School and Smith College, she is currently an assistant professor of piano at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music at the University of Georgia.

Born in Tel-Aviv Israel, **Michael Katz** began his cello studies at age 7. Among his teachers in Israel were Zvi Plessner, Hillel Zori and the late Mikhail Khomitzer. Mr. Katz received his Bachelor of Music degree from the New England Conservatory where he studied with Laurence Lesser, his Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School where he studied with Joel Krosnick, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from SUNY Stony Brook as a student of Colin Carr.

Violinist **Yevgeny Kutik** began violin studies with his mother, Alla Zernitskaya, and went on to study with Zinaida Giljels, Shirley Givens, Roman Totenberg, and Donald Weilerstein. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Boston University and a master’s degree from the New England Conservatory and currently resides in Boston. Kutik’s violin was crafted in Italy in 1915 by Stefano Scarampella.

Program

- Piano Trio No. 4 in E Major, K. 542 **W. A. Mozart**
(1756-1791)
Allegro
Andante grazioso
Finale: Allegro
- Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor, Op. 67 **D. Shostakovich**
(1906-1975)
Andante
Allegro non troppo
Largo
Allegretto

Intermission

- Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 49 **F. Mendelssohn**
(1810-1856)
Molto allegro ed agitato
Andante con moto tranquillo
Scherzo: Leggiero e vivace
Finale: Allegro assai appassionato

Upcoming Concerts:

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| Sunday, August 6, at 4pm | Thomas Meglioranza, baritone and
Reiko Uchida, piano |
| Saturday, August 12, at 8pm | Jupiter String Quartet,
with the Jasper String Quartet |
| Sunday, August 13, at 4pm | Jasper String Quartet,
with the Jupiter String Quartet |

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