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## Love triangle told through music in *Passionate Trios*

CHILLIWACK, BC— Three of Vancouver's top classical musicians are ready and poised to thrill you with a musical examination of classical music's greatest love triangle story! On **April 14 at 2:30 pm** the Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society in partnership with the Chilliwack Academy of Music presents *Passionate Trios*, a glorious afternoon of exquisite melodies featuring the works of **Schumann** and **Brahms**, two of the most innovative composers of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. These Romantic masterpieces will be performed by **Li-Ling Liao**, violin; **Brian Mix**, cello; and **Nikolai Maloff**, piano - spectacular entertainment perfect for all ages.

The final sensational performance in the Rain Mountain Classical Music Series 2012/13 Season, *Passionate Trios* is expressed through two great works composed by **Schumann** and **Brahms**, who portray of the passionate turmoil between two friends

made rivals through the love for one woman, Schumann's wife Clara. Schumann's Piano Trio No. 3, Op. 110 - composed when his and Clara's love was new and thrilling - precedes Brahms' Piano Trio No. 1, Op. 8 - composed as Brahms and Clara forged an ever deepening bond and as Schumann's mind began to unravel. Lose yourself in the passionate tones and breath-taking harmonies as the emotional turbulence of this trio is brought to life through classical music.

**Li-Ling Liao** was born in Taipei, Taiwan and attended Ecole d'humanite in Switzerland at the age of sixteen and studied violin with Daniel Dodds at the Lucerne Conservatory. She then went to North America and studied violin with Lynn Chang at the Boston Conservatory, and with Eric Rosenblith and James Buswell IV at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. She has appeared as a soloist with the Dallas American Asian Youth Orchestra at the Eisman Center in Dallas, the Taipei Century Symphony and the Taipei Century Youth Orchestra at the National Concert Hall in Taipei. **Liao** is currently assistant concertmaster of the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra and is a member of the Vancouver Island Symphony Orchestra.

**Brian Mix** frequently performs with the Vancouver Symphony and has played with the Pacific Rim String Quartet, CBC Radio Orchestra, Vancouver Opera, the National Ballet, Pacific Baroque Orchestra, the Turning Point Ensemble, the NOW Improvisatory Orchestra, and many other professional ensembles. He has appeared as soloist with the Vancouver Philharmonic and the New Westminster Symphony Orchestras, toured Taiwan and the Eastern U.S. as a chamber musician, and recorded

for CBC records, film soundtracks, and CDs of pop, rock, folk, and children's artists. Alongside performing, **Mix** teaches cello, is an RCM Examiner, writes program notes, gives pre-concert talks, and conducts.

Winner of major piano competitions such as the Virginia Waring, Franz Liszt (Italy), Eckhardt-Gramatté and Canadian Music Competitions, **Nickolai Maloff** has received resounding acclaim as a recitalist, a chamber musician, and a collaborative musician all over the world. His more recent appearances include a spot as a guest soloist with Orchestras such as the Burnaby Symphony Orchestra, Kelowna Mozart Festival Orchestra, the International Chamber Ensemble of Rome, and the Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra. He holds a Master's Degree from the Moscow State Conservatory in Russia, where he studied with Gleb Axelrod, a second-generation disciple of Liszt, and a Doctoral degree from the University of British Columbia. Previously a faculty member of many established institutions, **Maloff** now runs a successful private studio in Vancouver and teaches at the School of Music at UBC.

Buy your tickets early to *Passionate Trios*, a love triangle brought to life through music with elite classical musicians! Tickets are \$27 for Adults, \$24 for Seniors, and \$22 for Students. Call the Centre Box Office at 604-391-SHOW(7469) for more information.

*Passionate Trios* is generously sponsored by the Chilliwack Times, Fraser Valley Custom Printers, the City of Chilliwack, British Columbia Arts Council, the Province of British Columbia, and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

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### **Additional Information**

<http://www.chilliwackmusic.com>

The Chilliwack Academy of Music: We are a nonprofit music school, which means our students get the best teachers and learning experience at a competitive rate. Our students get to participate in an inspiring, supportive musical community through workshops and masterclasses, performance opportunities, and financial awards. We are a member of the BC Association of Community Music Schools (BCACMS). As a registered charity, our mission includes making quality musical experiences available and affordable to the entire community.

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### **Chilliwack Cultural Centre**

Since opening the Chilliwack Cultural Centre September 2010, over 44,800 tickets have been sold through the Centre Box Office, with a value exceeding \$750,000. The Chilliwack Arts & Cultural Centre Society, whom oversees operation on behalf of the

City of Chilliwack, are pleased to be on target for their initial projected budget and overall use projections for the Centre.

*Chilliwack Cultural Centre highlights:*

- 597 seat performance theatre
- 168 seat recital hall / rehearsal space / dance studio / meeting space
- Chilliwack Art gallery (22-foot high display area)
- 21 music instructional rooms
- Arts and crafts studios
- Storage and Archival Resource Room

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