

Amity Trio

Simcoe's premiere chamber ensemble

Intent on bringing quality chamber music to the Simcoe region and beyond, the Amity Trio is known for its sure ensemble playing and warm, open interpretations. The trio's members are Michael Adamson (violin), Alyssa Wright (cello) and Sandra Ruttan (piano). Each of these musicians is an accomplished instrumentalist and sought-after soloist in their own right, but their chemistry within the Trio, and affinity for the music created, generate performances of delightful musicality, passion and grace.

From the early classical works of Haydn and Mozart through such romantic and 20th Century composers as Schubert and Dvořák to contemporary works by Arensky and Piazzolla, the Amity Trio selects some of the favourite music written for the piano trio, and enjoys seeking out some of the lesser-known gems. Whether having fun with a salon piece or tackling the angst of Shostakovich, the Trio's performances are always in service of the music.



Since its inception in 2001, the Amity Trio has concertized extensively throughout the Simcoe region and Greater Toronto Area, including performances in Toronto, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Barrie, Orillia and Midland. Recent highlights include performances at the Colours of Music Festival, the Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber Music Society, the New Tecumseth Festival, St. Luke's Gift of Music concert series, repeat performances for Musical Moment Concerts and Midday Music with Shigeru, and their new configuration's debut at the Gibson Centre for the Arts.

Michael Adamson studied violin and chamber music at the Royal Academy of Music in London, and worked with members of the leading quartets: Griller, Tatrai, Kolisch, Hungarian and Amadeus. Returning to Canada after a concert career of several years in Europe, he has continued solo, chamber and orchestral activities, including serving as concertmaster for the York Symphony and artistic director for the Apollo Chamber Orchestra. Currently, he teaches privately and at the Huronia Arts Academy in Barrie.

Alyssa Wright is a versatile soloist and ensemble cellist who has toured widely, advocating and performing contemporary, jazz and folk, as well as traditional music. Formerly acting principal cellist of the Kingston Symphony and principal cellist of Ensemble Unterwegs, she left the orchestral world, preferring to concentrate on the intricacies of chamber music. She has performed several world premieres, and has been featured on many recordings and stages. Alyssa is a popular studio and session cellist and singer, teaching privately in Orillia. She is artistic director of the Orillia Folk Society, and a founding faculty member of the Mariposa Arts Forum.

Sandra Ruttan is a graduate of the Faculty of Music at the University of Western Ontario. She teaches, composes and performs in the Barrie area as both a pianist and singer. In addition to solo work, she has appeared with the Apollo Chamber Ensemble, Opera Barrie, the Kempfenfelt Community Players, the New Tecumseth Singers and the Lyrica Choir. After a number of years as a teacher with the Simcoe County District School Board and as director of music at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Sandra is now developing her own music studio, StudioVivo, and dedicating her time to teaching privately, composing and performing.

The Trio is available for concerts, weddings or other special events.

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