Sample Piano Trio Concert Programs
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We offer these programs, organized in three categories, to help rising musicians develop distinctive programs of their own. Programs marked with asterisks have descriptions included on pages 4-5.

1. Programs Built on a Concept

Lysander Piano Trio | Silenced Voices: Music by European Composers Displaced by WWII*
Ernst Krenek | Triophantasie (1929)
Paul Ben-Haim | Variations on a Hebrew Melody (1933)
Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco | Romanzero con Variazioni from Trio no. 2 op. 70 (1932)
Mieczylaw Weinberg | Piano Trio (1945)

Lysander Piano Trio | Folk Tales: Composers Pay Homage to their Roots
Joseph Haydn | Trio in G Major “Gypsy”, Hob XV:25
Gabriela Lena Frank | Folk Songs (2013-14)
Franz Liszt | Hungarian Rhapsody No. 9, arranged for Piano Trio by the composer
Antonin Dvorak | Piano Trio in E minor, Op. 90 “Dumky”

Lysander Piano Trio | Musical Mavericks*
Ludwig van Beethoven | Piano Trio in D Major, Op. 7 No. 1 “Ghost”
Gabriel Faure | Piano Trio
Shulamit Ran | Soliloquy
Toru Takemitsu | Between Tides
Charles Ives | Piano Trio “TSIAJ”

West Shore Piano Trio | Their Roots Are Showing*
Arthur Foote | Piano Trio in Bb Major, Op. 65
Paul Schoenfield | Café Music
Bedrich Smetana | Piano Trio in G minor

West Shore Piano Trio | Two Hundred Years of Women Composers
Louise Farrenc | Piano Trio in Eb, Op. 33 (1850-1855)
Stacy Garrop | Seven for piano trio (1997-1998)
Rebecca Clarke | Piano Trio (1921)
Ruby Fulton | Whitney (2013)
### West Shore Piano Trio | 10 Years and 10,000 Miles Apart*

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### Calyx Trio | An Exploration of Messiaen

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### London Piano Trio | Music under Stalin

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<td>György Kósá</td>
<td>“In Memoriam...” for viola solo (1977)</td>
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<td>Zoltan Kodály</td>
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<td>Lera Auerbach</td>
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2. Programs with Newer Repertoire

**Hudson Piano Trio | American Music**
- Ernest Bloch: Three Nocturnes
- Arthur Foote: Piano Trio, Op. 65 No. 2
- Paul Schoenfield: Cafe Music
- Lowell Liebermann: Piano Trio No. 1
- Robert Aldridge: Piano Trio, Allegro moderato
- David T. Little: Piano Trio

**Halcyon Chamber Series | Spectrum NYC; March 23, 2014**
- Anton Arensky: Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor, Op. 32
- Sean Vigneau-Britt: The Bliss Ward
- Maurice Ravel: Piano Trio in A minor

**Calyx Trio | American Composers Now**
- Augusta Read Thomas: “…a circle around the sun…”
- Lansing McLoskey: Moon Jig
- Amy Beth Kirsten: Glisten
- Derek Bermel: kiss to the earth
- Richard Festinger: Death with Interruptions

**Fidelio Trio | Bowling Green State University; November 13, 2014**
- Donnacha Dennehy: Bulb
- Charles Wuorinen: Piano Trio
- Michael Nyman: Time Will Pronounce
- Graham Fitkin: Lens
- Johannes Maria Staud: Fur Balint Andras Varga
- John Harbison: Piano Trio No. 2

**Hudson Piano Trio | Modern Sound**
- Aleksandra Vrebalov: Passion Revisited
- Marc Mellitts: Fruity Pebbles, selections
- Jonathan Sheffer: Rumpus
- Ludwig van Beethoven: Piano Trio, Op. 97 "Archduke"

**Delta Piano Trio | Between Tides**
- Dmitri Shostakovich: Piano Trio No. 1, Op. 8
- Pēteris Vasks: Piano Trio “Episodi e Canto perpetuo” (1985)
- Toru Takemitsu: "Between Tides" (1993)
- Maurice Ravel: Tombeau de Couperin (Transcription for piano trio)
3. Conventional Programs with a Twist

**Hudson Piano Trio**
Frank Bridge  
Fantasy Trio in C minor  
Arvo Pärt  
Mozart-Adagio  
Ludwig van Beethoven  
Piano Trio in E flat Major, Op. 1 No. 1  
Felix Mendelssohn  
Piano Trio in C minor, Op. 66  
Petko Staynov  
Selected Works

**Hudson Piano Trio**
Franz Schubert  
Notturno in E flat Major, D897  
Dmitri Shostakovich  
Piano Trio in E minor, Op. 67 No. 2  
Bright Sheng  
Four Movements for Piano Trio  
Maurice Ravel  
Piano Trio

**London Piano Trio**
Josef Suk  
Piano Trio in C Major, Op. 2  
Antonín Dvořák  
Piano Trio No. 4 in E minor, Op. 90 "Dumky"  
Bedřich Smetana  
Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 15

**Claremont Trio | Sunday Concert Series, Gardner Museum; January 25, 2015**
Brahms Project Part I
Donald Crockett  
Night Scenes  
Gabriel Fauré  
Piano Trio in D minor, Op. 120  
Johannes Brahms  
Piano Trio in B Major, Op. 8

**Claremont Trio | Sunday Concert Series, Gardner Museum; April 26, 2015**
Brahms Project Part II
Lembit Beecher  
Piano Trio  
Johannes Brahms  
Trio in C minor, Op. 101  
Franz Schubert  
Trio in E-flat Major, Op. 100

**Program Descriptions**

**Lysander Piano Trio | Silenced Voices: Music by European Composers Displaced by WWII**
The rise of Nazism and Fascism led to the ban of music by many important European composers, because of their race and/or because their music didn’t fit into the regime’s view of art as a tool of propaganda. These composers then fled to all corners of the earth, and many of them never experienced the same level of recognition that they enjoyed in their home countries. The program follows composers from different European countries (Austria, Poland, Italy and Germany) who fled in the 1930’s to varied destinations, from California to Moscow to Tel-Aviv. In their music one can hear both tunes from their homelands and the sounds of their adoptive countries, as well echoes of the dark times in Europe. We believe that this music of high quality that deserves to be heard, and maybe regain its place in the concert halls.
**Lysander Piano Trio | Musical Mavericks**
A program of music by composers from four different countries who, in their time, embarked on a solitary path, breaking new ground and following their unique aesthetic vision with single-minded determination. All of them composed music of striking beauty which still excites and moves us today with its admirable boldness and richness of color.

**West Shore Piano Trio | Their Roots Are Showing**
Arthur Foote was a Wagnerian whose Piano Trio No. 2 has an unmistakable American twang; Paul Schoenfield uses an entire century's worth of American popular music in his Cafe Music and Bedrich Smetana struggles to create a Czech national music out of sheer will in his Piano Trio in G minor.

**West Shore Piano Trio | 10 Years and 10,000 Miles Apart**
Although close in time, Mendelssohn's Piano Trio #2 in C minor and Smetana's Piano Trio in G minor are worlds apart. Mendelssohn was an original insider—a child prodigy, a master by his teens, flourishing at the very center of the well-established German tradition. Composed in 1845, his Piano Trio in C minor alternates between controlled fury and charm, grace and wit. Smetana was an outsider—he dreamed of being “a Mozart in composition and a Liszt in technique” but struggled with his schooling, and he aspired to create a Czech musical tradition to rival that of Germany. Composed ten years after Mendelssohn’s C minor trio, and one year after the death of a favorite daughter, Smetana’s Piano Trio in G minor is raw and powerful, a lunatic combination of soaring melodies, nationalism and private grief.

**West Shore Piano Trio | The French Connection**
From Beethoven to Brahms, the 19th century was dominated by German music, and great French musicians such as César Franck and Camille Saint-Saëns struggled to write important music in an authentically French style. But from that struggle, the seeds were planted that would grow into a glorious renaissance of French music after the turn of the 20th century, in the work of composers such as Maurice Ravel. Join us as we trace the path through Franck's grim, Germanic Piano Trio Op. 1, to Saint-Saëns light and playful Piano Trio Op. 18, finally arriving at Ravel’s utter masterpiece, the Piano Trio in A minor.

(First two descriptions from Lysander Piano Trio’s site, remainder from West Shore Piano Trio’s site; all accessed 4/20/2015)