

Chamber Music Concerts Closes the 2024-25 Season with Trio Zimbalist

Chamber Music Concerts presents **Trio Zimbalist** (violin, cello, and piano) on Saturday, April 12th at 3pm at the Southern Oregon University Music Recital Hall. The program features Joseph Haydn's Piano Trio in G Major, Hob. XV:25 "Gypsy;" Bohuslav Martinů's *Bergerettes* for Piano Trio, H. 275; and Anton Arensky's Piano Trio no. 1 in D Minor, Op. 32. Tickets are just \$5 for full-time students and \$10 for SOU employees. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 541-552-6154.

Trio Zimbalist has garnered critical acclaim for its "precision and feverish intensity" (Greece's *EfSyn*). The group was lauded for its "liveliness and vigor of playing" and performances that were "pure enjoyment!" (*Athinorama*) at the Nights of Classical Music at the Gennadius Library festival in Athens, where it served as ensemble in residence in 2021. Members of the trio — violinist Josef Špaček, cellist Timotheos Gavriilidis-Petrin, and pianist George Xiaoyuan Fu — are all distinguished alumni of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. In demand across Europe and the U.S. as soloists, chamber musicians, and recitalists, they form an inimitable ensemble with repertoire spanning Romantic masterworks to today's most lauded composers.

The trio takes its name from famed violin virtuoso Efrem Zimbalist, a towering presence at the Curtis Institute of Music as faculty and director for a combined forty years. Trio Zimbalist carries on the violinist's storied legacy through its commitment to artistic excellence. The group draws upon the lineage of previous world-class ensembles formed at Curtis. Its members have studied with faculty representing the Guarneri Quartet, the Beaux Arts Trio, and the Chicago Chamber Musicians.



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