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Eroica Trio Plays Cal Poly Theatre March 7

SAN LUIS OBISPO-- Labeled as "technically brilliant" by the Vienna press, the Grammy-nominated Eroica Trio will bring their expert musicianship to the Cal Poly Theatre on Sunday, March 7, 2004, at 7 p.m.

Cal Poly Arts proudly presents the Trio in an evening program that includes Beethoven's charming "Trio in B-flat major, Op. 11," Dvorak's pensive "Trio in E minor ('Dumky')," and a newly-commissioned piece by the acclaimed violinist/composer Mark O'Connor.

Audiences around the world respond with standing ovations to what critics call the raw driven energy and high spirits of the Eroica Trio: Erika Nickrenz (piano), Adela Pena (violin), and Sara Sant'Ambrogio (cello).

The Eroica Trio is on the vanguard of a new generation of artists who are changing the face of classical music. One of the first all-female chamber ensembles to reach the top echelons of their field, the Eroica Trio is helping to break an age-old gender barrier.

Whether they are playing the great standards of the piano trio repertoire or daring contemporary works, the three young women who make up this world-class chamber ensemble fill the concert stage with their combination of technical virtuosity, vivid artistic interpretation, and contagious exuberance in performance.

The Trio won the prestigious 1991 Naumburg Award, resulting in an acclaimed Lincoln Center Debut and has since toured the United States, Europe, and Asia. The Trio continues to perform recitals throughout the world and their five celebrated recordings for Angel/EMI Classics Records have garnered multiple Grammy nominations.
Highlights of the 2003-2004 season include tours of the United States with the Prague Chamber Orchestra and Cincinnati Symphony, performing the Beethoven "Triple Concerto;" the release of the Trio’s sixth recording of the "Triple Concerto" with the Prague Chamber Orchestra; and the world premiere of a new work composed for the trio by Mark O’Connor.

The Eroica Trio performs the Beethoven “Triple Concerto” more frequently than any other trio in the world, having appeared with the symphonies of Chicago, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, San Francisco, Utah, Mostly Mozart Orchestra, Cincinnati, Houston and Seattle, among others.

The Trio has also performed the work on tour abroad with Orquesta Sinfonica de Euskadi in Spain, Haydn Orchestra in Italy, and Budapest Symphony in Germany. In March, 2003, the Trio appeared on the German television program "Klassich!" performing the "Triple Concerto" with the Munich Symphony. The program will air in Austria, Germany and Switzerland in the fall.

Each summer, the Trio performs at music festivals throughout the world, including the Hollywood Bowl, Aspen, Mostly Mozart, Ravinia, and Spoleto, Italy.

In addition to demanding concert and recording schedules, the Eroica Trio is committed to music education, giving concerts, master-classes and shows specifically geared toward children at elementary schools and colleges throughout the country.


They have been featured in publications such as Elle, Glamour, Vanity Fair, Detour, Marie Claire, Bon Appétit, and Time Out New York. Grand Marnier distillers created a new cocktail dubbed "The Eroica," unveiled for the release of their "Pasion" recording.

Chateau Ste Michelle, a vineyard in Seattle, also named one of their vintage reislings in honor of the Trio.

Tickets for the performance are $28 & $34, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088. Order on-line at www.pacslo.org.
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