

Trio Zimbalist Biography

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TRIO ZIMBALIST

Josef Špaček, violin

Timotheos Gavrilidis-Petrin, cello

George Xiaoyuan Fu, piano

Trio Zimbalist has been celebrated for its “highly charged performances” (*The Strad*) and its “liveliness and vigor of playing” (*Athinorama*). The trio is lauded for its masterful interpretations of repertoire spanning from Classical and Romantic masterworks to today’s most lauded composers.

Since its debut in Athens in 2021, Trio Zimbalist has quickly established itself as one of the world’s leading piano trio ensembles. Recent and upcoming performances include the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., 92nd Street Y, New York, Toronto Summer Music, Czech Chamber Music Society, St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, Club Monteverdi in Madrid, and Philharmonische Gesellschaft Bremen. The ensemble also has recent and upcoming performances of Beethoven’s Triple Concerto with the Greensboro Symphony and the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. The trio’s acclaimed recording *Piano Trios of Weinberg, Auerbach, and Dvořák* was selected as a *Gramophone* Editor’s Choice in March 2024. It was hailed by the magazine as “an astonishingly accomplished debut” and praised by *The Strad* for its “wide range of sound, colour and dynamics.”

Members of the trio—violinist Josef Špaček, cellist Timotheos Gavrilidis-Petrin, and pianist George Xiaoyuan Fu—are in demand across Europe and the U.S. as soloists, chamber musicians, and recitalists. All distinguished alumni of the renowned Curtis Institute of Music, they draw on a lineage of world-class chamber music performance, having studied with teachers representing ensembles including the Guarneri Quartet and the Beaux Arts Trio. Taking its name from famed violin virtuoso Efrem Zimbalist, a towering presence at Curtis as faculty and director for a combined forty years, Trio Zimbalist carries on the violinist’s storied legacy through its commitment to artistic excellence.

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