

Longy School of Music of Bard College is growing; welcomes the Neave Trio as Alumni Artists, Faculty Ensemble-in-Residence for the 2017-18 academic year

Joins recent hires Nicholas Tzavaras (cello), Ole Akahoshi (cello), Shai Wosner (piano), Jessica Bodner (visiting viola faculty), Aaron Hegelson (composition), Spencer Myer (piano) and Artists-in-Residence, the Horszowski Trio

[Longy School of Music of Bard College](#) announces the [Neave Trio](#) will be **Alumni Artists, Faculty Ensemble-in-Residence** for the 2017-18 academic year. The trio, who is made up of two Longy alumni, Anna Williams (MM Violin '11, GPD Violin '12) and Mikhail Veselov (GPD Cello '10, MM Cello '12) as well as Bard College alumna, Eri Nakamura, has been described as “a revelation” (San Diego News), "a consummate ensemble" (Palm Beach Daily Reader), and “a brilliant trio” (MusicWeb International), who has “exceeded the gold standard and moved on to platinum” (Fanfare Magazine), and the Boston Musical Intelligencer ranked the Neave Trio among the finest chamber ensembles of their generation.

“Longy’s commitment to chamber music has always been strong, but with the return of Anna and Mikhail and with Eri completing the trio, we are poised to bring it to the next level,” said Longy President Karen Zorn. “At a time where we are working well outside of the box with our programs, it’s a perfect time for these immensely talented innovators to come home.”

Longy, who has been receiving accolades for its innovative curriculum with programs such as its Project-Based Learning, [Sistema Side by Side](#) and [Masters of Art in Teaching](#), has recently added a host of in-demand musicians to the faculty including: **Nicholas Tzavaras** (cello), **Ole Akahoshi** (cello), **Shai Wosner** (piano), **Jessica Bodner** (visiting viola faculty), **Aaron Hegelson** (composition), **Spencer Myer** (piano) and Artists-in-Residence, the **Horszowski Trio**.

"It's an exciting time here at Longy—the energy is palpable,” said Dean Wayman Chin. “From our latest collaborations with Boston Opera Collaborative and the Boston Camerata, to our new and returning faculty—there's something special brewing here and our students are reaping the benefits."

About Neave Trio

The Neave Trio is fast distinguishing itself as an ambassador of music to a wider audience through innovative concert presentations. The trio regularly collaborates with artists of all mediums. Recent projects include award-winning and critically acclaimed performances with the Blythe Barton Dance Company at the 2015 San Diego International Fringe Festival (Winner: Best Dance Production). The trio regularly gives live performances incorporating the work of projection artist Ryan Brady to provide a visual component to the standard repertoire. In February 2014, in collaboration with composer Amanuel Zarzowski, the Neave Trio launched their interactive concert series "STEIN2.0," which seeks to expand the concert going experience to a wider audience, using audience participation and social media tools.

The Neave Trio is thrilled to champion new works by living composers. In April 2016, the Trio was honored to give the World Premiere performance of "Klee Musings", a new piano trio dedicated to the Neave Trio by celebrated American composer, Augusta Read Thomas. The Trio continues to work with composers of today and will give more world premiere performances of new works in the coming season.

About Longy School of Music of Bard College

Longy School of Music of Bard College is a conservatory whose mission is to prepare musicians to make a difference in the world. World-class faculty and an innovative curriculum encourage students to push their artistic presentation beyond the proscenium model. Longy promotes musical understanding and technical mastery, and inspires imagination and inquiry into the musician’s role in the world. Longy serves graduate and undergraduate students from over 35 states and 16 countries between its Cambridge and Los Angeles campuses, with the latter housing the El Sistema-inspired Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program.

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