

The Hermitage Piano Trio performs a special preview concert for this summer's Newport Music Festival

Newport's historic Marble House | March 24, 7 p.m.

NEWPORT, R.I. — With long-time [Newport Music Festival](#) resident artist cellist **Sergey Antonov** leading violinist **Misha Keylin** and pianist **Ilya Kazantsev**, the [Hermitage Piano Trio](#) will perform a special summer festival preview concert at the Marble House on March 24 at 7 p.m. The program will include Beethoven's Op. 1 No. 3 in c minor, Glinka's "Trio Pathétique" and Dvorak's "Dumky." The members of the group will also perform as a trio and individually with other ensembles during the Newport Music Festival's summer festival July 4-22. Tickets for all concerts are on sale now at www.NewportMusic.org.

Inspired by St. Petersburg's venerable Hermitage State Museum, and distinguished by its exuberant musicality, interpretative range and sumptuous sound, the **Hermitage Piano Trio** represents both the essence and history of Russia. The group embraces and promotes cultures from around the world, complementing works that embody the majesty of its Russian lineage with ones from the great European tradition as well as contemporary American commissions.

Hallmarks of the trio are its polished skill in performing an enormous variety of music, and its wide, well-thought-out repertoire ranging from Rachmaninov, Shostakovich, Arensky, Glinka and Tchaikovsky to Haydn, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Dvorak and Brahms. Recently signed to a multiple-album recording deal with Reference Recordings, the trio's debut CD — recorded in 2017 — features the piano trios of Sergey Rachmaninov: Trio élégiaque No. 1 in G minor; Trio élégiaque No. 2 in D minor, Op. 9; and "Vocalise."

A rarity in the chamber music world, the trio is comprised of three musicians who are noted soloists in their own right. **Keylin** has had a career spanning 45 countries on five continents. Now he is attracting attention with his world-premiere CD series of the seven Henri Vieuxtemps violin concertos, released by Naxos. These recordings have already sold over 150,000 copies worldwide and have garnered numerous press accolades and awards, including Critic's Choice by The New York Times, Gramophone and The Strad.

Hailed as "a brilliant cellist" by the legendary Mstislav Rostropovich, **Antonov** proved his mentor's proclamation when he became one of the youngest cellists ever awarded the gold medal at the world's premier musical contest, the quadrennial International Tchaikovsky Competition. Antonov's entry into this elite stratum of sought-after classical artists has already placed him on stages at world-renowned venues from Russia's Great Hall at the Moscow Conservatory to Suntory Hall in Tokyo.

Kazantsev — acclaimed by The Washington Post as a "virtually flawless" pianist — has performed as recitalist and soloist with orchestras in Russia, Canada, Europe and the United States. His many awards and honors include first prize at the Nikolai Rubinstein International Competition; he also won the International Chopin Competition and the 2007 and 2008 World Piano Competitions.

About the Newport Music Festival

Since 1969 the Newport Music Festival has presented world-renowned and emerging classical music artists. In its 49 seasons, the Rhode Island festival has hosted over 2,500 concerts featuring 130 artists making their American debuts, leaving an indelible mark in classical music history.

The upcoming 50th anniversary season (July 4-22, 2018) will feature a broadening of the festival's musical landscape

and will include [Joshua Bell](#), [A Far Cry](#), [Imani Winds](#), [Jake Heggie](#), [Charlie Albright](#) and [Frederica von Stade](#), to name just a few. The season will also celebrate the anniversaries of Rossini, Debussy and Bernstein and also include works by living composers. The festival will continue to honor its legacy by presenting the Mark P. Malkovich III Memorial Concert, the highly regarded French Opera Night, and three Sunrise Concerts at the Chinese Tea House. It will also renew its pledge to the local community and visitors to Newport by presenting free public concerts and strengthening its commitment to local artists and music programs. Concerts will take place in the renowned Newport Mansions, including The Breakers, The Elms, The Chinese Tea House and Belcourt Castle as well as other nearby locations. Tickets are now on sale for all concerts and can be purchased at www.NewportMusic.org.

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