

# GryphonTrio

Formed in 1993, the Gryphon Trio continues to delight audiences around the globe with their highly refined and dynamic performances. Based in Toronto, the Trio tours regularly throughout Canada, the United States, and Europe. Their celebrated recordings include works by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Lalo and Shostakovich. With a strong commitment to expanding the piano trio repertoire, the Trio has commissioned and premiered over 50 works. Their 2004 recording, *Canadian Premieres*, features the work of leading Canadian composers and was awarded a Juno. Their most recent recording, *Tango Nuevo*, features the music of Astor Piazzolla and Hilario Duran, and represents their tenth CD for the Analekta label.

As Canada's pre-eminent ensemble, the Trio continues to be actively involved in teaching and nurturing future generations of both classical musicians and audiences. In addition to master classes at schools and universities across North America, the *Gryphon Trio* members are Artists-in-Residence at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, where Dr. Parker is the Rupert E. Edwards Chair in Piano Performance and violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon is an Assistant Professor. The Trio has also collaborated with composer Gary Kulesha and music commentator Rob Kapilow in presenting enriching lecture-demonstrations.

Strongly dedicated to pushing the boundaries of chamber music, the Trio has collaborated on special projects with clarinetist James Campbell, actor Colin Fox, choreographer David Earle, and a host of jazz luminaries at Toronto's *Lula Lounge*. Their most ambitious undertaking has been the groundbreaking multimedia production of Christos Hatzis' *Constantinople*, which has been performed in Canada, the United States, and was presented by the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden in England in 2006.

Cellist Roman Borys has taken the lead with the Trio's responsibilities as Artistic Directors of the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival, a position they have held for two seasons. The Gryphon Trio has been a mainstay at the OICMF since its inception, the Festival of the Sound in Parry Sound, and many other chamber music festivals.