

**The Zodiac Trio, clarinet-violin-piano
will be performing at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts
on Sunday, February 19, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.
as part of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts' 2011-2012 Chamber Music Series**



The Zodiac Trio enjoys a concert schedule that spans across three continents – as in considered by many the leading clarinet-violin-piano ensemble performing today. Only in its third official season, the Zodiac Trio has performed at such leading venues as the famed Festival Radio France Montpellier, Lincoln Center in New York, the Four Season Performing Arts Centre in Toronto, Izumi Hall in Japan, the Oriental Performing Arts Center in Shanghai.

The Trio has been broadcast by France 3 Television, CBC Radio and Television in Canada, National Public Radio in the U.S. and has recorded multiple times for Radio France in Paris. In June of 2010, the Zodiac Trio performed a six-city tour of China where the young ensemble was welcomed on the country's leading stages and was invited to present masterclasses at the China Conservatory in Beijing and Ningbo University. Notably, the Zodiac Trio has been invited to give its debut at the Colmar Festival in France in 2011.

Upon completing a specialized chamber music course at the Paris Superior Conservatory as protégé of the renowned Ysaÿe Quartet, the Zodiac Trio's reputation as the new leading clarinet-violin-piano ensemble began to grow rapidly, prompting invitations from such venues as Festival Radio France Montpellier, Russian River Music Festival and Old First Concerts in California, Lincoln Friends of Chamber Music in Nebraska, Preston Bradley Hall at the Chicago Cultural Center, Merkin Concert Hall in New York, Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mount Allison University in Canada, Pro-Musica Festival and Festival Autour d'une Piano in France, among many others. In addition to performing, the young ensemble is often called upon to present chamber music masterclasses, appearing in that capacity at the Boston University, Boston Conservatory, Berklee College of Music, Ningbo University and the China Conservatory in Beijing.

The current 2010-11 season includes performances on the celebrated Schneider Concert Series at the New School in New York, St. Vincent College Concert Series, Virtuosi Series in Winnipeg in Canada, The Four Seasons Performing Arts Centre in Toronto, Berklee College of Music in Boston, Boston Conservatory, performances in California, the International Colmar Festival, and a return to China for a second tour, among others. In addition, the Trio has received invitations from such prestigious series in the US as the Harvard Music Club, Tulsa Chamber Music and others.

The Zodiac Trio has been a recipient of numerous prizes from national and international competitions in France, Italy, U.S. and Japan, including the International Chamber Music Competition Duchi D'Acquaviva and Val Tidone International Music Competition in Italy, Yellow Springs Chamber Music Competition (OH), Joyce Dutka Foundation for the Arts (NY), International Peninsula Young Artist Festival (CA) and Artists International (NY), in the United States; Paris International FNAPEC Ensemble Competition, Cziffra Foundation Auditions and Pro-Musica Ensemble Competition in France; and has received the Encore Grant for contemporary music from the American Composers Forum, in addition to other grants and awards.

Strong advocates of new music, the trio has commissioned new works in order to expand the clarinet-violin-piano trio repertoire, and strives to serve as a platform of exposure for up-and coming composers. In the Spring of 2011, the Zodiac Trio launched the Boston New Music Project in collaboration of Berklee College of Music and the Boston Conservatory which resulted in two new works written for and performed by the ensemble, numerous student composer workshop and an hour-long live feature on WGBH Boston Classical Radio.

The Zodiac Trio is on the artist roster of the Cziffra Foundation in Paris, an organization dedicated to promoting Europe's top young artists, and has also been chosen by Culture France to receive moral and financial support from the « Declic » Program, partner with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Mecenat Musical Societe General. The Zodiac Trio also enjoys the generous support of the Swiss Global Artistic Foundation.