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Two String Trios Bring Different Styles to the Mendocino Music Festival

The Mendocino Music Festival takes pride in offering a selection of musical genres and styles with the aim of introducing its audiences to new types of music, as well as bringing fresh perspectives to more familiar works. Two string trios who exemplify this philosophy from the 2007 program are the Janaki String Trio and Time For Three.

The Janaki String Trio will perform On Sunday, July 15 at 4:00 pm. Janaki is comprised of three virtuosos (Serena McKinney, violin; Katie Kadar Rauch, viola; and Arnold Choi, cello) who have forged a distinctive and remarkable ensemble sound, matched by the artists' unrivaled commitment to finding great music for their instruments. The trio takes its name from the Sanskrit word *Janaki* (YAHN-uh-kī), which symbolizes self-realization – the underpinning artistic and spiritual ideal entwining composer, musician and listener. The group makes an intense connection with its audiences, not only with the standard works of the repertory, but also with rarely heard masterworks and provocative new pieces. The program for this concert will include Mozart's *Divertimento* in E Flat for String Trio, Andrew Norman's *Alabaster Rounds*, a work written especially for Janaki Trio, and Anton Arensky's Cello Quartet in A minor. In the second half of the concert the trio will be joined by David Kadar Rauch on cello, Katie's father and a veteran of the Mendocino Music Festival orchestra.

Two nights later, on Tuesday, July 17 at 8:00 pm, another threesome of youthful string artists will perform. The group is Time For Three, featuring Zach DePue and Nick Kendall on violins, and Ranaan Meyer on the double bass. This charismatic ensemble has a reputation for having limitless enthusiasm and no musical boundaries. In concert, a bluegrass standard like *Orange Blossom Special* may be followed by a gypsy-tinged *Csardas*. Tf3 is equally comfortable offering their own arrangements of shorter classical works and popular hits, whether Brahms or the Beatles, and play all types of music with humor and exuberance. And don't let their youth fool you for these are astute and accomplished musicians. DePue was recently named the Concert Master of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets for both these concerts are on sale now, either at the Mendocino Music Festival office (707-937-4041) or on line at mendocinomusic.com.