Ghost Trio

Performers: Monique Lapins, Ken Ichinose, Gabriela Glapska

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Programme

Victoria Kelly Sono (2000)

"The idea for this piece began with the Portuguese word 'sono' which describes the desire to sleep in order to rejoin a dream. In my experience, it's impossible to do this once you have woken. The trio begins with an impassioned event which soon disappears, leaving the piano alone to dream about it. A repeating piano note emerges and remains, representing the real world lingering in the background. Around this note, the dreams wander in chords and gestures, deep breaths and ascending melodies."

- Victoria Kelly

New Zealand composer, Victoria Kelly is based in Auckland, and writes contemporary classical music as well as music for film, television and theatre. She also plays keyboards, sings and arranges orchestral music for other artists. Victoria has worked as a musical director and composer for large scale events and television programs and acted as an advisor and assessor for local and national arts organisations. She has worked as a live broadcaster, presenting and announcing programmes about music on National Radio. Further to this, Victoria has written and presented pre-concert talks for audiences attending chamber music and orchestral concerts, and occasionally presents guest lectures at schools and universities around the country.

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827) Piano Trio in G Major, op. 1, no. 2

Adagio; Allegro vivace

Largo con espressione

Scherzo: Allegro

Finale: Presto

There are three Piano Trios that make up Ludwig van Beethoven's Opus 1. Although the great composer had already written numerous works, he selected this set of three previously-conceived pieces to make up his first officially published music. The second of the trios is an ebullient work in the sunny key of G major. At the time of its composition (c 1794), the young Beethoven had recently moved from Bonn to Vienna to study with the famed Franz Joseph Haydn.

The first movement begins with a slow introduction - unusual for piano trios at the time - and it is of a rather imposing character. However, the Allegro that follows couldn't be more contrasting. Here, we are treated to light-hearted, humorous, ebullient music that is clearly influenced by Haydn. The second movement is an otherworldly E-major Largo, which seems to be a foreshadowing of the many profound, soul-searching slow movements that Beethoven composed as a more mature musician - this sublime music is an astonishing achievement from a 23-year-old.

The third movement, a Scherzo, returns to the world of Beethoven's mentor, playing with rising and falling scales and offbeat accents. The Trio section features simple waltz-like music, of an almost comically banal character, in the key of B minor. The fast-paced Finale is immediately boisterous, with the three instruments each presenting the brief opening motif in turn. This movement is witty, spirited and harmonically surprising, and it is full of jagged rhythms, aggressive accents, and sudden dynamic changes. Here, Beethoven seems to have taken influence from Haydn but simultaneously held onto his own unique voice.

Beethoven program notes - Shana Douglas

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