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Neave Trio: Love Letters



"The performances balance passion with sensitivity and grace," - *BBC Music Magazine*

This program pairs remarkable piano trios with timeless love letters written by some of history's most iconic figures, from Beethoven and Nabokov to Oscar Wilde and Elizabeth Taylor. These letters, while all referring to romantic love, describe the various stages of a love story, from lust and elation, to longing and frustration, and even despair over a relationship's end.

Love Letters features optional multimedia components. Between the performed works, the letters can be "written in real time," as the words appear one by one as a projected image and are spoken by voice-over. These projections focus on key words, as other words from the letter disappear. These key words can be left on display during the musical performance as a focal point.

Rachmaninov: Trio élégiaque No. 1 in G minor

"Even in bed my ideas yearn towards you, my Immortal Beloved, here and there joyfully, then again sadly, awaiting from Fate, whether it will listen to us. I can only live, either altogether with you or not at all. What longing in tears for you — You — my Life — my All — farewell. Oh, go on loving me — never doubt the faithfulest heart of your beloved." - Ludwig van Beethoven

Brahms: Piano Trio No. 1 in B Major, Op. 8

"Everyone is furious with me for going back to you, but they don't understand us. I feel that it is only with you that I can do anything at all. Do remake my ruined life for me, and then our friendship and love will

have a different meaning to the world. I wish that when we met at Rouen we had not parted at all. There are such wide abysses now of space and land between us. But we love each other." - Oscar Wilde to Lord Alfred Douglas

Amy Beach: Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 150

"My tenderness, my happiness, what words can I write for you? How strange that although my life's work is moving a pen over paper, I don't know how to tell you how I love, how I desire you. Such agitation — and such divine peace: melting clouds immersed in sunshine — mounds of happiness. And I am floating with you, in you, aflame and melting — and a whole life with you is like the movement of clouds, their airy, quiet falls, their lightness and smoothness, and the heavenly variety of outline and tint — my inexplicable love." - Vladimir Nabokov to his wife, Vera Slonim

Piazzolla: *The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires* for piano trio (arr. by José Bragato)

"I wish I could tell you of my love for you, of my fear, my delight, my pure animal pleasure of you — my jealousy, my pride, my anger at you, at times. Most of all my love for you, and whatever love you can dole out to me — I wish I could write about it but I can't. I can only 'boil and bubble' inside and hope you understand how I really feel." - Elizabeth Taylor to Richard Burton

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