

## TRIO JOHANNES



The Trio Johannes is an internationally renowned chamber ensemble founded in 1993 by Francesco Manara, Massimo Polidori and Claudio Voghera, three friends who share a passion for chamber music. Each member of the Trio Johannes boasts an impressive list of prestigious competition awards and musical achievements: violinist Francesco Manara won First Prize at the Concours International d'Execution Musicale of Geneva in 1993 and was chosen by Riccardo Muti as Concertmaster of the Orchestra della Scala in Milan; after winning First Prize Virtuosit  at Conservatory of Geneva, cellist Massimo Polidori took up the position of first cello in the Orchestra della Scala; pianist Claudio Voghera, a pupil of Aldo Ciccolini, won the Grand Prix de Sonates Violon et Piano at the Academy of Lausanne in 1993 and is a Professor of Principal Piano at the Conservatory of Turin.

The Trio Johannes studied at the Trieste International Superior Chamber Music School with the famous Italian Piano Trio Trio di Trieste thanks to a scholarship offered by De Sono Associazione for the Music and were awarded a special merit Diploma in 1995.

In May 2000 the Trio Johannes toured South America appearing in the major concert halls in Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.

The trio has received important international awards, Second Prize at the Third International Trio di Trieste Competition in 1998, Second Prize at the Osaka Third International Chamber Music Competition in 1999 and First Prize at the 50th Concert Artists Guild Competition of New York in 2000.

After these successes the ensemble has performed for important concert series throughout Italy and Europe, for the Music Societies of Padua, Vicenza, Florence, Bologna, Turin, Milan, Suisse Romande Radio of Geneva.

The Trio Johannes made their debut in the United States in 2001 holding performances for the most prestigious concert Societies, such as Weill Recital Hall at the Carnegie Hall, Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society and Market Square Concerts in Harrisburg.

The Trio Johannes recorded the complete Johannes Brahms Piano Trio and Piano Quartet for the prestigious musical magazine Amadeus that met great success and recently their recording include Maurice Ravel chamber music for Brilliant.

In 2014 they made their debut at Teatro alla Scala in Milan.