

VAN BAERLE TRIO

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Maria Milstein violin
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The **Van Baerle Trio** was founded in 2004 and the name of the trio is derived from it on the street where their musical roots lie: the Van Baerlestraat in Amsterdam. Here the three musicians meet during their studies at the Conservatory of Amsterdam.

After winning the Friends Crown Competition in the Concertgebouw in 2011, the trio performs frequently in this hall and is nominated by the Concertgebouw for the ECHO Rising Stars 2013/14, a tour that takes the trio to important halls throughout Europe, including the Musikverein in Vienna, the Barbican in London, the Cité de la Musique in Paris, L'Auditori in Barcelona and the Philharmonie in Cologne.

Even before the start of this European tour, the Van Baerle Trio has established its international reputation by winning the ARD competition in Munich in 2013 and the international chamber music competition in Lyon in 2011. The trio also won the audience award at both competitions. In the Netherlands they received the Kersjes Prize in 2012, a grant that is awarded every year to a promising young ensemble.

The Van Baerle Trio was formed under the tutelage of Dmitri Ferschtman and subsequently took lessons with Ferenc Rados and Claus-Christian Schuster, among others. Meeting Menahem Pressler in 2008 was a great source of inspiration for the three musicians, who have played for him several times since. Since 2014, the members of the Van Baerle Trio have been passing on their experience to the next generation of musicians at the invitation of the Conservatory of Amsterdam.

The Van Baerle Trio's debut CD with works by Saint-Saëns, Loevendie and Ravel was awarded an Edison Classic 2013. After this, the Van Baerle Trio released Mendelssohn's piano trios, including the first recording of an early version of the First Piano trio in D minor by Mendelssohn. The trio recently recorded all of Beethoven's Piano Trios and the Residentieorkest immortalized Beethoven's Triple Concerto. The recordings were received with great enthusiasm in the national and international press: individual volumes received 5 stars in De Volkskrant and Trouw, and a 10 in Luister Magazine. And Gramophone wrote "The overwhelming quality of this new disc has a quite irresistible freshness." WDR 3 stated "The Van Baerle Trio is of the utmost importance in the heart and soul of Beethoven."

In 2022, the internationally acclaimed young composer Gabriel Prokofiev wrote a new piano trio for the Van Baerle Trio and in March 2024 the musicians premiered Rob Zuidam's new piano trio at the Friday Evening Concert series of AvroTros in TivoliVredenburg Utrecht.

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