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GCCP presents 'Culture, Crisis, and Creativity' with the Horszowski Piano Trio

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The Gold Coast Chamber Players are delighted to bring back live music to the Lamorinda community at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at the Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library. The live concert will be recorded and all ticket holders will have the option to watch the concert virtually from March 3 to July 1. Proof of vaccination is required and N95 masks will be provided.

"Culture, Crisis, and Creativity" features the esteemed Horszowski Piano Trio based in New York City. Giving performances that are "lithic, persuasive" (The New York Times), "eloquent and enthralling" (The Boston Globe), and described as "the most compelling American group to come on the scene" (The New Yorker), the Horszowski Trio has quickly become a vital force in the international chamber music world.

The Horszowski Piano Trio Photo provided

This colorful program features piano trios by Bedřich Smetana, Rebecca Clarke, and Arno Babadjanian, which grapple with political struggles and personal challenges. As the most distinguished British female composer of the inter-war generation, Rebecca Clarke composed her trio on the heels of the 1918 influenza pandemic while battling prevailing sexist attitudes and personal depression. Clarke's Piano Trio (1921) is an extraordinary work of striking originality and craft reflecting some of the most modern influences of the time including Ravel, Bloch and Debussy with its impressionist atmosphere. Bedřich Smetana, whose work is imbued with inflections of Czech folk music, wrote his emotional op.15 trio as a response to the death of his daughter. Smetana's lone piano trio is a milestone of romanticism. Much of Arno Babadjanian's music is rooted in Armenian folk music and folklore. Passionate and full of memorable melodies, Babadjanian's Piano Trio in F-sharp minor is considered one of his most important works.

Tickets: \$15-45 online (<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=123572>) or by phone at (925) 283-3728. For more information, visit <https://www.gccpmusic.com/>

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