

## LITTLE THEATER CONCERTS

# Debut of piano trio



**Aviva Piano Trio members, from left, Penny Wayne-Shapiro (violin), Sayuri Miyamoto (piano) and Zirana Irkaeva (cello)** COURTESY PHOTO

WAYLAND - A brand-new ensemble will be performing a brand-new piece of music on Wayland High School's Main Stage on Friday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. The event is part of Wayland's Little Theater Concert Series.

The ensemble is the Aviva Piano Trio, the faculty piano trio of the Wayland School of Music.

Penny Wayne-Shapiro of Wayland is a violinist and the director of Wayland School of Music. She has long been a symphony musician, with postings at the English National Opera and the London Philharmonic. More recently, she has been the concertmaster of the Cape Cod Symphony for the past 12 years.

During all of those long commutes to Cape Cod, she has listened to hours and hours of recordings. One recording of the Schubert Bb Piano Trio

particularly caught her fancy. She approached her Wayland School of Music colleagues, cellist Zarina Irkaeva and pianist Sayuri Miyamoto, and suggested they get together to read through this famous Schubert opus. It took weeks to find an open spot on their schedules. When they did finally meet, the group clicked musically - and now they will be coming to Wayland High School for their first public performance.

Aviva Piano Trio will also be presenting Anton Arensky's "Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor." Arensky is less well known than Schubert, but this 1894 trio is a great romantic piece, thought by many to be the best he ever produced.

Aviva's debut concert will also include a world premiere titled "A Trio of Tangos" by Belmont

pianist and composer Dianne Goolkasian Rahbee. Two of the tangos were originally conceived for solo piano and have been rewritten for piano trio. The third tango was written for piano trio at Aviva's request.

Rahbee is widely known as a composer of works for piano students, and has a wide and enthusiastic following. Every five years, a group of her admirers holds a Dianne Rahbee Marathon. Over 100 pianists - from young students to seasoned professionals - gather to play Rahbee for two full days. The next Rahbee Marathon will be held at The Rivers School in Weston on June 23 and 30.

All Little Theater concerts are free and open to all. For more information call 508-358-2667 or go online ([www.waylandconcerts.org](http://www.waylandconcerts.org)).