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Trio Azura

Trio Azura is quickly emerging as one of today's most compelling young ensembles, praised for its "intelligence and imagination" and "profound emotion" (Gramophone). Formed in 2022, the trio is Ensemble-in-Residence at the Colburn School, where they study with Jonathan Brown, Martin Beaver, Clive Greensmith, and Fabio Bidini. In 2025, Trio Azura was named a winner of the Young Concert Artists Susan Wadsworth International Auditions and YCA Jacobs Fellows, becoming the organization's first Ensemble-in-Residence.

The ensemble comprises Canadian violinist Duncan McDougall, South Korean cellist Yejin Hong, and Chinese pianist Yanfeng (Tony) Bai. In 2024, they captured the Grand Prize, Gold Medal, Lift Every Voice Prize, and Horszowski Trio Prize at the 51st Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, and are also prize winners of the Schoenfeld International String Competition.

Highlights of the 2026–27 season include debut performances at Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall and The Phillips Collection, along with engagements at the Lied Center of Kansas, Newport Classical, Washington Performing Arts, Merkin Hall at Kaufman Music Center, Tippet Rise Art Center, and other leading presenters across the United States. The trio also appears as soloists with the Santa Monica Symphony in Beethoven's Triple Concerto.

Recent seasons have included performances at the Chamber Music America National Conference, La Jolla Music Society, the Emilia Romagna Festival (Italy), Brisbane Festival (Australia), and the Queen Elisabeth Music Chapel (Belgium), as well as an educational tour of the American Midwest and a residency at the American University of Sharjah in the UAE.