

**TRIUMPH FOR ATOS TRIO:
GERMAN PIANO TRIO AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS
KALICHSTEIN-LAREDO-ROBINSON INTERNATIONAL TRIO AWARD**

- National Tour Planned for 2008-09 & 2009-10 Seasons -

FARMINGTON HILLS, MI. – The Chamber Music Society of Detroit today announced that the 2007 winner of the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award (KLRITA) is the ATOS Trio. After a call for nominations sent internationally to classical music presenters, musicians, educators and other professionals, the trio was selected in New York by a panel comprising musicians Pamela Frank, Gary Graffman, Bonnie Hampton, Joseph Kalichstein and Jamie Laredo, and two Award presenters, Jeremy Geffen, Carnegie Hall, and Todd Wetzel, Purdue Convocations.

ABOUT THE WINNING ENSEMBLE

Formed in Germany in 2003 and based in Berlin, the ATOS Trio (www.atos-trio.de) comprises Thomas Hoppe, piano, Annette von Hehn, violin, and Stefan Heinemeyer, cello. The ATOS Trio has appeared in major concert halls and at festivals throughout Europe, South America and the United States. Recently, the Trio performed concerts in France, Ireland, and the United States, and performed Beethoven's Triple Concerto with the Orquestra Sinfonia de Chile at The Semanas Musicales in Frutillar, Chile. It has appeared with the Academic Orchestra Bonn and performed at the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Music Festival and the Schlossfestspiele Ludwigsburg. The ATOS Trio's Debut CD with works by Beethoven, Brahms and Leon Kirchner was released in 2005.

ABOUT THE AWARD

A biennial piano trio award, the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson International Trio Award derives its impetus from the desire to honor the Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio (Joseph Kalichstein, piano, Jaime Laredo, violin, Sharon Robinson, cello) in perpetuity by giving recognition to this prestigious trio's contribution to chamber music worldwide for 30 years. In addition, the award was created to encourage and enhance the careers of accomplished and extraordinarily promising young and "rising" piano trios that will be chosen every other year. To be considered for the award, trios must have been together for approximately 5-10 years, be actively engaged in touring, and have management. The KLRITA is administered by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit.

Originated by Lois R. Beznos, President of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, the KLRITA is based upon the collaboration of 20 participating chamber music presenters. The winning trio benefits from presentation on the series of 20 participating presenters nationwide over the two-year award period. Moreover, the Award provides for a CD recording of the winning trio by Azica Records. The winning trio will also benefit from the contribution by Kenneth Warren & Son, Ltd. of instrument maintenance services by its workshop in addition to its efforts to

identify the highest quality violins and cellos as prospective loans to the trio winners during the award period.

The KLRITA is supported in part by the contribution of \$30,000 by the 20 participating chamber music presenting organizations across the U.S., including the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. A unique advantage to presenters is that, in perpetuity, they will have the benefit of an endowed concert, paid for by the award endowment fund, every other season. Additional support for the KLRITA comes from Jean and Sam Frankel, the Matilda R. Wilson Fund and the Whitney Fund.

Significant recognition opportunities are also available for additional major donors to the award endowment. For information, please contact Lois Beznos, President, Chamber Music Society of Detroit at 248-737-9982.

The Trio con Brio Copenhagen, present winner of the KLRITA, will complete its Award tour during the 2007-2008 season after which the ATOS Trio will embark upon its twenty-concert KLRITA Award tour during the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 seasons.