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GCCP presents 'Love Story' March 20

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Gold Coast Chamber Players continue their virtual concerts at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20 with "Love Story" - the fourth of six Main Stage Virtual Concerts in 2021 that continues the season theme celebrating love and diversity.



Virtual links remain available for one week following the concert date. "Love Story" explores romantic music by a 19th century power couple, Clara and Robert Schumann. "Love Story" pairs Clara's Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 17 with Robert's Piano Quartet, op. 47, written in what is considered his "chamber music year" of 1842.

The Delphi Trio and Pamela Freund-Striplen.
From left: Liana Berube, Allegra Chapman,
Pamela Freund-Striplen and Tanya Tompkins
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Clara Schumann's only Piano Trio was a direct influence on her husband's own trio, written the following year. Though Robert was supportive of Clara, he was more focused on her performing his own compositions than in her work as a composer. Women's History Month is an ideal opportunity to highlight this story.

Bringing this program to life is the Bay Area Delphi Trio (violinist Liana Berube, cellist Tanya Tompkins, and pianist Allegra Chapman) and guest violist Pamela Freund-Striplen. Delphi Trio is recognized for commanding, compelling performances that draw audiences into their musical world. The trio prioritizes unity, artistry, vulnerability, and musical risk-taking, creating performances that are infused with spontaneity, humor, and joy.

Founded on the principles of community, connection, and artistry, they believe firmly in art's ability to make a difference in the world and are committed to using their musical platform to bring people together, regardless of background or beliefs. As three strong women, the trio prioritizes the presentation of works by female composers alongside the better-known classic repertoire. Musicologist Kai Christiansen provides insight and context during the performance.

A Zoom After Party with the musicians is available to those watching on March 20. The concert link is available for one week. Single ticket: \$30, Mini Series (three concerts): \$70. Concerts are streamed via YouTube. Purchase online at www.GCCPmusic.com or by calling (925) 283-3728.

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