

**Zaffiro Trio** joins together the superb artistry of musicians Tina Faigen (piano), Mary Beth Malek (clarinet) and Paula Tuttle (cello). All three have extensive backgrounds in performance, recording and teaching. Tina, in addition to her active solo career, has a library of published music editions. Mary Beth and Paula are both long-time members of the Pittsburgh Opera and Ballet Orchestras, and all three are faculty members at University of Pittsburgh. Zaffiro's combination of instruments provides the audience the opportunity to hear beloved works of the great masters, such as Brahms and Beethoven, that are rarely heard in concert. Zaffiro has commissioned and premiered two works by composer Robert Schultz. Dedicated to Zaffiro is a one-movement work titled *Fantasia*, Op. 49 and also *Trio*, Op. 52, a large scale multi-movement work. Together these three founding members of Zaffiro Trio bring a unique quality of sound, expertise and sensitivity to their ensemble that audiences adore.