

**March 14, 2008
For Immediate Release**

Ardeleana Trio in Concert

ArdeleanaMusic presents *The Ardeleana Trio in Concert* (Brenda Muller, cello/Artistic Director; Catherine Maguire, piano; Emma Zoë Elkinson, flute) on **Saturday, April 12, 2008**, at **8 p.m.** at **Toronto's Heliconian Club** (35 Hazelton Ave., in the heart of Yorkville). Tickets are **\$20** for Adults and **\$15** for Students and Seniors.

The programme will include works by internationally renowned contemporary composers: **Mary Gardiner, Jean Françaix, Heitor Villa Lobos** and **Bohuslav Martinu**. The Ardeleana Trio, one of Canada's premiere chamber music ensembles, is now in its 27th season. Also featured will be poetry by Canadian poets.

The featured Canadian composer for the concert is Toronto's **Mary Gardiner**. Gardiner's *Spirit Essence* was commissioned by the Ardeleana Trio and later recorded on their historic 1993 release, *Spinners of Starlight*, the first all Canadian CD to feature Canadian women performing works by Canadian women composers. This performance marks *Spirit Essence's* first performance in the hall where it was premiered since the launch of the trio's ground breaking CD.

"The musicians of Ardeleana go beyond performing or interpreting these works as separate entities; in many subtle and persuasive ways, they become part of the ongoing composing process. It's all about starlight, beautifully spun, beautifully entrancing." - Kitchener-Waterloo Record review of "Spinners of Starlight"

ArdeleanaMusic has been presenting new Canadian music in Toronto and the GTA for over 25 years. They have toured contemporary chamber music and inter-arts performances throughout Canada. The **Ardeleana Trio** has commissioned and premiered over 50 works of Canadian music and produced five recordings of Canadian compositions. Beginning in the 1980's they pioneered unique inter-arts concerts that featured Canadian poets, story-tellers, dancers and singers interacting with contemporary art music. **ArdeleanaMusic's** most recent project, the **Blue Bridge Festival**, takes place in the Villages of Sutton and Jackson's Point in York Region. The Blue Bridge Festival, a Festival of Chamber Music, Poetry and Song, features leading Canadian composers, opera singers, chamber musicians and poets performing in Ardeleana's superbly crafted inter-art programmes, and is currently in its second year.

Composer, pianist, educator, **Mary Gardiner**, has composed for piano (including a piano concerto), string orchestra, voice, choir, chamber and vocal ensembles. A Founding Member and former Chair of the **Association of Canadian Women Composers**, Gardiner was also active for many years as President of the **Alliance for Canadian New Music Projects**. (ACNMP's **Contemporary Showcase**, a festival of music by Canadian composers for students, is now a national festival.) In recognition of her exceptional commitment to Canadian music as a 'builder of bridges between composers and teachers and students,' the **Canadian Music Centre** and the **Canadian League of Composers** presented her with the 2003 *Friends of Canadian Music Award*.

Contact: Brenda Muller, Artistic Director
www.ardeleanamusic.com or call 289 470 1099

-30-