

## **Flute Trio at Hospitalfield**

The widely acclaimed Scottish Flute Trio are to play at Hospitalfield, Arbroath on Saturday 4 September. The concert is open to the general public as well as to Friends of Hospitalfield.

The Trio - Ruth Morley, Janet Larsson and Laura Bailie, will be joined by Joji Hirota - Japanese Percussion and Shakuhachi to play The Waterfall of Time Suite by Joji Hirota.

This suite was commissioned by The Scottish Flute Trio and written in collaboration with visual artist Elizabeth Ogilvie in 1994. The premiere took place in St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow in an amazing water filled environment created by Elizabeth Ogilvie.

"Water is not on the agenda at the Hospitalfield performance but there will be a paying bar," said Trust spokesperson Carol Pope. We hope local people will enjoy this wonderful opportunity to hear the Trio in Angus."

Joji Hirota: "Through this piece I wanted to express the various forms of water, especially within nature. By blending the sounds of the flutes and Japanese percussion, the music can represent the delicate, subtle and elegant, as well as the more spectacular and dynamic nature of water. From the smallest dewdrop to the greatest waterfall, all life comes from water and back again. The earth is a water planet."

**The Scottish Flute Trio** has commissioned new works from many leading composers including Thea Musgrave, Gordon McPherson, Edward McGuire, Kenneth Dempster, John Harris and Sally Beamish. They have performed at the Edinburgh International Festival, Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, SOUND, and given recitals all over the UK. They broadcast for Radio 3 and Radio Scotland and they have recorded for the Metier Label, Natural Studio Records and 7things. Their recording of Madame de Shanghai by Luc Ferrari is available for download at [www.seventhings.co.uk](http://www.seventhings.co.uk) and their recording of The Waterfall of Time by Joji Hirota is released on the seven things label.

The concert starts at 8pm in the Jazz Room, Hospitalfield. Tickets cost £8 (£4 for concessions) and can be purchased online [www.hospitalfield.org.uk](http://www.hospitalfield.org.uk) or at the door. There will be a bar and the opportunity to talk to the artists after the performance./ends

The Trio is grateful for the support of The Scottish Arts Council and the PRS Foundation.

*"A slick and polished performance. What impressed most was the diverse colours and textures the flautists produced and the quality of the commissions"* Classical Music Magazine

*Joji Hirota was trained by Mr Itto Ohba – great master of Japanese Taiko Drumming and founder of the group based in Noboribetsu Hokkaido, whose style is the most important influence on Joji's drumming music. Joji's music has enormous energy and drama, as well as being full of serene reflection and beautiful melody.* [www.jojihirota.com](http://www.jojihirota.com)

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