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Renowned trio tops chamber concert

The Chagrin Valley Chamber Music Concert Series continues Dec. 7 with a concert by the New York Empire Trio. The award-winning musicians will perform chamber works by Haydn, Dvorak, Rachmaninov and Petrova, at 3 p.m. at Valley Lutheran Church in Chagrin Falls. The concert is free and open to the public.

The New York Empire Trio has performed in major cities in the United States and abroad. Their repertoire ranges from early classics to modern scores, and includes standard chamber music as well as little-known master works. The trio's 2009 performance schedule includes a European tour and concert debuts in

Washington D.C. and at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Hristo Popov, violinist and founding member of the trio, made his orchestral debut at the age of 9 and has since performed throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico. His awards include prize winner at the Kozian International Violin Competition, silver medalist at the California Young Artist Competition, grand prize winner at the International Institute of Music and first place at the American String Teacher's Association chamber music competition.

Kalin Ivanov, cellist, is a prominent soloist, recitalist, chamber musician

and recording artist. A winner of the C.W. Post Chamber Music Festival Concerto Competition, he has performed in major centers throughout Europe and the United States.

Joshua Pierce, a Grammy-nominated pianist, has performed with many orchestras including the Royal Philharmonic, the London Philharmonia, the Moscow State Philharmonic and the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra. He has recorded more than 200 works for renowned classical labels.

No tickets are required for the concert. For more information, call (440) 247-0390. Valley Lutheran Church is at 87 E. Orange St.