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ON A POSITIVE NOTE

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While a lot of young generation musicians experiment with new age sound, this young three-member band from Germany called Tontrio is passionate about playing compositions of classic legends like Beethoven, Claude Debussy and Joseph Haydn.

The Poona Music Society in association with the Goethe Institut, Munich and the Foreign Ministry of Germany is all set to present their talent to Pune today. The prizewinning trio, which was formed by Julia Kraus (piano), Karlotta Schmied (violin) and Daniel Haverkamp (cello) came together in the fall of 2006 while studying at the Hochschule für Musik which is a University of Music in Karlsruhe, Germany.

"We all three later got through the music institute at Cologne where we're currently studying. We're lucky to have already begun giving concerts while studying. This way we have been able to tour at such a young age and visit countries such as India which is absolutely marvelous," says 26-year-old Daniel. "The sound of the cello is very similar to the human voice," explains Daniel who was fascinated with the instrument as a child.

After giving a memorable performance in Delhi, the three are waiting to mesmerise Pune music lovers. Talking about what they have in store for the audience here, Karlotta, the 27-year-old violinist, says, "We will perform a composition of Beethoven followed by composer Shostakovich's



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Trio for Violin, Violoncello and Piano. Shostakovich was a 20th century composer and thus his music is relevantly modern. Composer and influential music critic Robert Schumann's 200th birthday is this year and as a tribute to him, we will be performing his composition in a Piano trio."

Karlotta who is quite impressed with the Hindi mu-

sic she has been hearing on the radio here has performed with the band a couple of times on radio stations back home. The trio has also given concerts in the State Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate and at the Schwetzingen Festival transmitted by the South German Broadcasting station.

Julia, the 29-year-old pianist, says, "The three of us are really different in personality and our approach towards music. Thus, when we combine all our characteristics together while performing, we try to present classics with a bit of our own interpretation fused into it, yet staying true to the master that created it."

(Tontrio will perform at the Mazda Hall, Dastur Primary School at 7 pm on Thursday)