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The Whiting Proudly Presents High Energy Chamber Music Ensemble PROJECT TRIO!

Flint, MI – The Whiting is proud to present PROJECT TRIO on **Friday, April 23 at 8pm** at UM-Flint Theatre. Ticket are just \$30, with a special student rush rate of \$12 the day of the show. Add more to your evening and join us for Flint After Dark which includes dinner at the Flint Farmers' Market, admission to Project Trio and post-show festivities at Blackstone's Pub & Grill all for just \$50! To order tickets to this energetic performance simply visit **TheWhiting.com**, call **(810) 237-7333** or **(800) 8-CENTER**, or visit the Ticket Center located at **1241 E. Kearsley St.** just off I-475 between the University of Michigan Flint and Mott Community College.

PROJECT Trio is a passionate, high energy chamber music ensemble comprised of three virtuosic composer/performers from Brooklyn, NY. Blending their classical training with an eclectic taste in musical styles, PROJECT Trio has made an impact on audiences of all ages. Bursting onto the scene with their landmark videos, right out of the internet generation, PROJECT Trio is a musical experience defining a new level of entertainment!

Greg Pattillo (Flute) – Recognized throughout the world for his redefinition of flute sound, Greg was lauded by The New York Times as "the best person in the world at what he does." His groundbreaking performance videos on Youtube, showcasing "beatbox flute," have been viewed more than 20 million times. As an internationally acclaimed performer, educator and clinician, Greg can be found both on the concert stage and on the streets, subways and parks, sharing and preaching his sound. After earning his masters degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, Greg found work as the acting principal flute of Guangzhou Symphony Orchestra, became a founding member of the Collaborative Arts Insurgency and the 16th and Mission Thursday night gathering for performers in San Francisco, and champions his style of music with PROJECT Trio, an ensemble of genre bending performers emerging from classical music roots. Greg performs exclusively on BRIO! flutes.

An exceptionally versatile cellist, Eric Stephenson's style ranges from classical to jazz to rock and folk. He is currently a member of the IRIS Chamber Orchestra in Memphis, Tennessee and the Colorado Music Festival. Eric served as Principal Cellist of the Canton Symphony Orchestra from 2002-2006 and was a regular substitute for the Cleveland Orchestra. As a fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, he served as Assistant Principal Cello of the Aspen Festival Orchestra from 1999-2004. He has appeared as a soloist with the Cleveland Institute of Music Symphony Orchestra and the National Repertory Orchestra in Breckenridge, Colorado. Eric earned his Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees with Honors from the Cleveland Institute of Music and was a recipient of the Ellis A. Feiman Award in Cello while a student of Stephen Geber.

Dallas native Peter Seymour has performed with a multitude of highly acclaimed artists and ensembles. As a regular sub with the Cleveland Orchestra he performed under the baton of Franz Welser-Möst and as a member of the New World Symphony under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas. He was the recipient of the Downbeat Magazine Award for Best Jazz Soloist in 1996 and has performed with Wynton Marsalis, Roy Hargrove, and Bobby McFerrin. The son of an educator, Peter has been very active in planning and performing community outreach activities throughout the country and served as events coordinator for the New World Symphony Orchestra from 2001-2004. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a Master's Degree in Bass Performance from Rice University where he

was a student of Paul Ellison. Peter is active composing and performing with the PROJECT Trio and presently resides in New York City.

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