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On Jan. 31, the eighth annual birthday gala of the Saint Michael Trio filled the seats at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City. Downtown was humming that night what with the popular attraction at the Fox, the nearby movie theater and the many restaurants on Broadway. Signs advertising valet parking for \$5 were all over while parking was difficult to find.

The audience at the Fox was filled with friends, family and fans of the extraordinary trio which is made up of an exceptionally talented threesome of classically trained musicians who also have day jobs. Why they were only charging \$15 per ticket for such great music is beyond me. The selections ranged from the more classical Mendelssohn's second trio in C minor, the familiar lush "Meditation" from the opera Thais by Massenet to an assortment of modern jazz and popular music including "Sweet Georgia Brown" and "Hiccup de Tango." There was no written program so it's hard to report the entire repertoire. Russell Hancock, the pianist, is the voice of the trio and he

introduced each piece with some background information. Daniel Cher plays violin and Michael Flexer, the cello. The format the Trio uses, especially its interaction with the audience, makes it a new and rewarding musical experience for old and young listeners.

Here's their website for more information on their future performances: [www.saintmichaeltrio.com](http://www.saintmichaeltrio.com).

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