

6-wire Piano Trio

6-wire is inspired by the historical connection between the erhu, the Chinese 2-stringed violin, and the 4-stringed violin – both essential leading instruments in the East and West. A *Chamber Music America* grantee with unique instrumentation, the Delaware-based 6-wire piano trio is a site-specific, pioneering American ensemble that mixes traditional romanticism and virtuosity with new chamber music. The three virtuosos celebrate diversity in performance, weave stories and context into their concerts, and transform how live instrumental music is experienced.

Ensemble in residence at the University of Delaware since 2010, 6-wire performs internationally for chamber music and university concert series, community lecture recitals, and large outdoor and TV events, fulfilling its mission to promote cultural exchange while attracting new chamber music audiences and supporters with new repertoire and sounds from around the world.

Founded and directed by Chinese-American violinist Xiang Gao, an award-winning concert presenter, composer, and producer, 6-wire's electrifying performances redefine traditional chamber music as a "wildcard" ensemble delightfully surprising cross-generational audiences with forward-looking compositions and cutting-edge audio and video technology.

While mostly performances are on acoustic instruments, 6-wire features their own wireless sound system and the circular PianoArc seen during Lady Gaga's Super Bowl halftime show for select concert venues. Program offerings for the following season include compositions by Sarasate, Brahms, Dvořák, Gershwin, Piazzolla, William Bolcom, Bright Sheng, Xiang Gao, and new 6-wire commissions by leading contemporary composers of our time. 6-wire also collaborates with many Grammy-winning musicians, theatre actors and visual artists.

Grammy-winning sound engineer Andreas Meyer produced 6-wire piano trio's new *6th Sense* album.