



The Carnival of the Animals

by *Camille Saint-Saëns* 🎵

Featuring the **Balsam Trio**

Copland School of Music at Queens College

In partnership with **Young Musicians of Westchester**
and **The New Rochelle Public Library Concert Series**



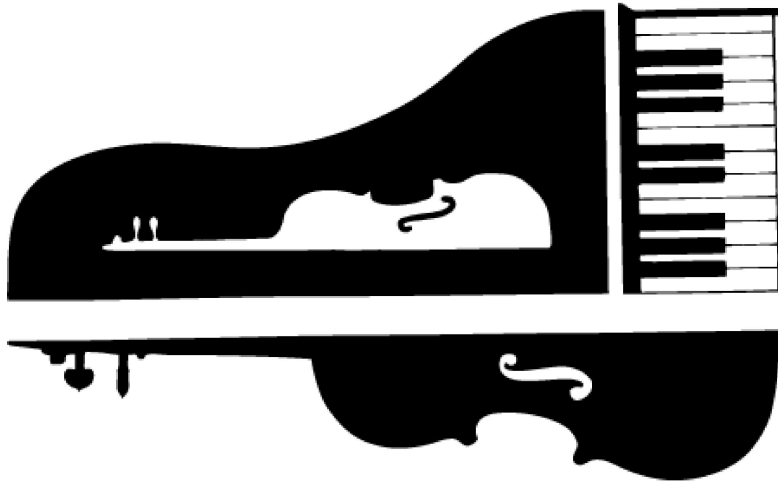
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Ossie Davis Theater at New Rochelle Public Library

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Meet the Trio



Balsam Piano Trio

Ricky Moreira - piano

Sara Strozzi - cello

Chloë Dickens – violin

Meet The Composer

Camille Saint-Saëns wrote this piece in 1886. The whole composition took 2 days to write (while taking a break from composing a much more serious 3rd Symphony), in preparation for a private concert hosted by renowned cellist Charles Lebouc. It was meant to be a “piece of fun” and in fact, Saint-Saëns decided not to publish the piece during his lifetime because he felt it would detract from his image as a serious composer. If only he knew how much delight it would bring to his audiences, not to mention how it would become one of the works he is best known for! It was only performed in private chamber music settings during his lifetime and was always well-received by the eminent musicians and composers of his day. Oftentimes it was performed with the musicians wearing masks of the animals they were representing! He did relent to publishing just one movement, “The Swan”, as a stand alone piece during his lifetime.

Meet the Music

In order, the fourteen movements are:

- 1) Introduction and Royal March of the Lion
- 2) Hens and Roosters
- 3) Wild Donkeys and Swift Animals
- 4) Tortoises
- 5) The Elephant
- 6) Kangaroos
- 7) Aquarium
- 8) Characters with Long Ears
- 9) The Cuckoo in the Depths of the Woods
- 10) Aviary
- 11) Pianists
- 12) Fossils
- 13) The Swan
- 14) Finale.

