

***Trio* (1994)**

**Jiří Dvořáček**

The world premiere of *Trio* was February 6, 1997 at West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Jiří Dvořáček (1928–2000) was a Czech composer and teacher. He studied organ at the Prague Conservatory and composition at the Prague Academy of Music where his teachers were Jaroslav Řidkíý and Václav Dobiáš. Subsequently, he served at the Prague Academy as Professor of Composition and Chairman of the Composition Department. In 1983, he was made an Artist of Merit by the Czech government. From 1987–1989, he was president of the Union of Czech Composers and Concert Artists.

Dvořáček is linked with the main stream of the development of Czech music of the twentieth century. His works include the opera *Aphrodite's Island*, the cantata *I Am Living and Singing*, two symphonies, a violin concerto, numerous solo and chamber ensemble compositions, and instrumental works with pedagogical orientation. The last work he wrote was this *Trio* for the Verdehr Trio.