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Musicians Dmitri Pogorelov, Judith Lynn Stillman and John Sant'Ambrogio will perform Boldly Beethoven this Friday and Saturday at the Chief Theater.

## Boldly Beethoven coming to Steamboat

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Steamboat Springs — As Judith Lynn Stillman, Dmitri Pogorelov and John Sant'Ambrogio sat in a private residence rehearsing Wednesday, it became apparent that their show this weekend will go beyond



common chamber music.

Their musical resumes speak for themselves. But as the three played — Stillman on piano, Pogorelov on violin and Sant’Ambrogio on cello — the two-night event titled “Boldly Beethoven” will be just as much as a look into the German life as it is his music.

#### Generations Trio

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Beethoven showing off,” Stillman said after

one piece.

The Generations Trio will play at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Chief Theater.

The concert is the second in the Friends and Family Concert Series. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased by visiting [www.chieftheater.org/purchase-tickets.html](http://www.chieftheater.org/purchase-tickets.html) or at the door, pending availability.

“With this experience, you’ll get to know Beethoven as much as a man as a musician,” Pogorelov said.

The Generations Trio have been playing together for more than 10 years after meeting in Lancaster, Ohio, at a festival.

The festival organizers encouraged the trio to play, knowing their sound instantly would gel.

“The interesting thing is we all thought we would, too,” Pogorelov said.

The trio has performed the concert several times before. For Sant’Ambrogio, the concert series is an extension of talented artists he knows.

In April, he brought in Mak Grgic for a couple nights of dueling guitars and cellos. Sant’Ambrogio said he’s always had an interest in Beethoven and recently has started to delve deeper into his life.

With the concert, he said, he wants people to find out more about how Beethoven was bold, mean, caring and one of the most interesting characters in musical history.

“He said his gift was he could listen to what God told him,” Sant’Ambrogio said. “To him, this music was reality. Many will see Beethoven in a different light. Maybe they’ll hear something they’ve never heard.”

Stillman and Pogorelov join Sant’Ambrogio as two of the foremost musicians in their field.

Stillman received her undergraduate, graduate and doctorate degrees from The Juilliard School. She’s also the artist in residence at the Rhode Island College.

Pogorelov is the first violinist with the Kontras String Quartet and the quarter in residence with the Western Piedmont Symphony.

During the rehearsal Wednesday, there wasn’t much talk among the three. Instead, they would play, stop, tune and play again.

The three said that's the norm as they are so in tuned, they don't have to do much talking.

With "Boldly Beethoven," they said they hope that people leave with a little more knowledge and appreciation.

"One thing about this concert and compilation is everyone will identify with one emotion," Stillman said. "It runs the gamut. You'll find something to identify with."

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