

PRESS RELEASE:

Avanti Duo Uses Crowdfunding for Debut Flute and Piano album

Cape Town based flute and piano duo plans their debut album featuring a commission by promising South African composer Amy Luyendijk.

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Avanti is a classical flute and piano duo whose mission statement is to take chamber music forward in South Africa. The Cape Town based duo is seeking to raise \$4500 by 3 May to cover the costs of producing their first album. The specially commissioned work by Amy Luyendijk will be framed by Avanti's favourites of the flute and piano repertoire: works by J.S. Bach, Olivier Messiaen, Francis Poulenc and Gabriel Fauré. Avanti will be making a live disc of their recital in the Endler Concert Series at Stellenbosch University on Friday, 20 April.

Coila-Leah Enderstein (piano) and Sally Minter (flute) started playing together in 2014. Mutual frustrations as freelancing classical musicians spurred them to create their own project and they launched their duo in 2016. Avanti has since performed over 50 concerts and won the duo category in the Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Competition two years in a row. They've grown a local following, but they want an album to take their unique sound to new ears as well as provide a platform for composer and peer, Amy Luyendijk. Avanti's plans for the future include more collaborations with chamber musicians and composers, but a high quality professional recording is crucial for presenting their vision to new partners.

In just two weeks of running their Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign, Avanti has raised 60% of their first goal of \$3000. If they reach their "Dream Goal" of \$4500 by 3 May, they will be able to launch their album this June - exactly on their 2nd birthday. It isn't just a donations drive - backers receive perks such as CDs, merchandise, special mentions and even private concerts or music workshops, depending on the quantity of their contribution.

To find out more about Avanti's campaign, visit <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/avanti-duo-s-first-album>.

The crowdfunding video link (direct):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3zs4xP8Bk4>

More about Avanti:

<https://www.avantiduo.com>

More about composer Amy Luyendijk:

<https://www.amyluyendijk.com>

Booking for the Stellenbosch Concert:

https://online.computicket.com/web/event/rising_stars_avanti_duo/1202352297

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