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REVIEWS: CDS

The Peabody Trio's new release of Beethoven Trios (Artek) finds the ensemble in excellent form. Violinist Violaine Melançon, cellist Natasha Brofsky and pianist Seth Knopp tap elegantly into the lingering traces of Mozart and Haydn in Op. 1, No. 1. And in Op. 1, No. 3, the musicians unleash the provocative traces of the mold-breaker Beethoven would soon become.

There is throughout the disc a vibrancy and expressive flair from the performers, with phrases beautifully sculpted, the interplay between instruments finely balanced.

—*Tim Smith*