

Audience feedback - 22 January 2011

I just want to say that the Sinfonia concert at St Mary the Virgin on 22 January was brilliant. My partner and I hardly ever miss a Sinfonia event, and we always enjoy them, but last night's performances were outstanding. The Four Last Songs brought tears to my eyes, the trumpet concerto (and Crispin S-P's impromptu talk) was good fun; but the highlight was the Webern Passacaglia. It was brave of the orchestra to tackle this hugely difficult work, but the risk paid off to stunning effect. It is ironic that only an orchestra like the Sinfonia – amateur in the true and best sense of the word – can afford to take such a risk.

Congratulations to all concerned! Long may the Sinfonia flourish.

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What a wonderful concert last night. Thank you so much for such amazing music. We all loved it. The Strauss in the second half was truly uplifting. The acoustic for the wind piece was actually stunningly good and every line was crystal clear and the ensemble seemed perfect from where I was.

The four last songs - I was on the edge of my seat all the way through. Can't describe it. What a voice! I take back totally what I said about the strings not getting through in the first half. They were great and full and rich. I think the first half there was a problem from where I was sitting because there seemed to be a central heating blower going which clouded the string sound a bit. That disappeared in the second half and the sound was wonderful. Thankyou again and looking forward to the next concert

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