



Upbeat!

NEWS AND REVIEWS

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A concert review

Last month, on the evening of March 25th, SCWB shared the stage with a special guest – solo clarinetist Peter Cigleris. In a concert called Viva Musica! (named after the first piece of the programme), Peter joined us for two amazing solo pieces, and a bonus encore. Here are the recollections from that concert of two of our own clarinetists, Jackie Swann and Vicky Barker.

Viva Musica!



Another British premiere for SCWB with the virtuoso clarinetist Peter Cigleris performing Satoshi Yagisawa's Clarinet Concerto and a programme of music which looked set to provide a hugely successful and entertaining evening.

The concerto was new to me and as a clarinetist I was really looking forward to getting to know the music and more importantly to working with Peter and observing his craft.

From the first note I was captivated by Peter's performance of this wonderful and exciting piece of music.

The concerto was hugely challenging and Peter's performance was inspirational. He demonstrated amazing technical skills; the faster passages were executed perfectly and his warm rich tone sang out with the beautiful melody. He made it look effortless!



Peter's performance of the popular Introduction, Theme and Variations by Rossini was breath-taking. Again, his amazing technical skills, remarkable tonguing and beautiful tone were incredible. The encore, Blues – American in Paris, was the perfect end to the concert. We could have been in Ronnie Scott's!

For me, and I am biased, this concert was up there with the very best of SCWB performances. It was an honour and privilege to work with Peter and witness his incredible mastery of the clarinet. I do hope we have the opportunity to work with him again.

We also said a fond farewell to two longstanding and much respected members of SCWB. Simon (alto sax and deputy conductor) and Dawn (bassoon) have been with the band for 20 years, are

wonderfully talented musicians, lots of fun and will be very much missed! The good news is that we will be working with Simon and Dawn again in our joint concert with the Band of The Hampshire Constabulary in September.

Jackie Swann
Principal Clarinet, SCWB

As an amateur musician I am always in awe of the talented soloists that we are fortunate enough to play with but someone of the calibre of Peter Cigleris, doing things with a clarinet that I can only dream of, just took it to another level. The Clarinet Concerto was a delight both to play and to listen to - in fact it was hard to keep concentration on my own part and not get lost in Peter's bewitching performance! I sincerely hope we get the chance to work with him again.

Vicky Barker
Clarinet, SCWB

SCWB events to look forward to in 2023

Christ Church, Winchester <i>All proceeds to Trinity Centre in Winchester, helping those who are homeless or disadvantaged</i>	June 17th	7.30 pm
Chandler's Ford Methodist Church <i>Joined by the Band of The Hampshire Constabulary</i>	Sept. 23rd	7.30 pm
Chandler's Ford Methodist Church <i>With guest soloist Brett Baker, trombone</i>	Nov. 11th	7.30 pm

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