



July 2023

Movie Night concert



SCWB's most recent concert in June raised funds for Trinity Winchester, a charity that supports homeless and vulnerable people. We were delighted to be able to present Trinity with a cheque for £350 from the evening. Performed at Christ Church, Winchester, the concert programme was all from popular films. The concert featured a solo



performance by our principal alto player, Robert Wingfield. Here is his account of the event, and a bit of background about himself and his playing with SCWB.



Wow, SCWB Movie Night, what a fantastic and varied evening of film music! We performed several classic film title scores including *The Dambusters*, *633 Squadron* and *Lawrence of Arabia*, alongside well known music that features prominently in films across recent decades, including *Sing, Sing, Sing*, *Soul Bossa Nova* and *Amazing Grace*.

The concert featured two contrasting pieces by John Williams, *Selections from E.T.* which contains grandiose brass features from the original film soundtrack, and *Catch Me If You Can* from the 2002 film. The soundtrack to *Catch Me If You Can* is haunting, tense and captivating and I felt privileged when our Music Director Calum Gray reached out to ask if I

would like to perform the Alto Saxophone solo. I keenly took on the challenge — Jay Bocook's arrangement is three short movements each requiring a certain style and approach: Stealthily, Reflectively and Freely, and Joyfully. It is a piece demanding technical precision as well as smooth lines with appropriate sensitivity, and I'm delighted with the performance. Christ Church Winchester provided an ideal intimate acoustic for the style for our wonderful audience to enjoy, I'm very proud of the result and a large thank you to the Band, Calum and our audience for their great support!

In terms of my musical journey, I started playing the Saxophone aged 10 and shortly later fell in love with playing in wind bands. At school, I conducted the Wind Band and whilst at University was elected to conduct three ensembles, including the Concert Band – I definitely spent more time playing music at University than focusing on my degree! In addition to playing Alto Sax in SCWB, I am currently Music Director of Saxophony, a large Hampshire-based saxophone ensemble and I play Alto Sax in the Royal Navy Volunteer Band at HMS Collingwood.

SCWB's Movie Night concert was without doubt the highlight of my time in SCWB so far. When I moved to Southampton after graduating from University in 2019, I was delighted to secure a position in the Band. Our weekly rehearsals are a key highlight of my week, making music with amazing people in an atmosphere of great positivity and encouragement, under Calum's excellent direction, and it's an absolute pleasure to share our music with our audiences. Thank you to everyone for making this concert a success, here's to the next one!

Robert Wingfield, June 2023

SCWB events to look forward to in 2023

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
Chandler's Ford Methodist Church <i>Our much loved Christmas Concert with guest choir from Hiltingbury Junior School</i>	Dec. 10 th	3.00 pm
Turner Sims, Southampton <i>With guest conductor, Patron of SCWB, Rob Wiffin OBE</i>	March 16 th	7.30 pm

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