



Westbourne Orchestral Society

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WESTBOURNE ORCHESTRA CONCERTS - Summer 2007 Conductor Sam Newgarth MBE LRAM - Leader Jane Bultz - Deputy Tim Fisher (BSO)

St Albans' Church, Linwood Road
Charminster, Bournemouth

Saturday 23rd June – 7.30

St. Michael's Church, Poole Hill,
Bournemouth

Friday 29th June – 7.30

St Francis' Church, Charminster Road
Bournemouth

Saturday 30th June – 7.30

Once again the **WOS** presented an ambitious programme of classical music which included the exciting **Festive Overture** by **Shostakovich** commencing with a thrilling trumpet fanfare admirably executed. This was followed by **Grieg's four Norwegian Dances** conducted by **Deputy Conductor Dave Brooks** providing a variety of peasant musical idioms melodic, harmonic and rhythmic. **The solo Oboist Melanie Espin was outstanding.**

One of the highlights of the concerts was **Richard Strauss' Four Last Songs**, which rank among the most haunting music ever written and beautifully performed by **lieder soprano Julie Vivienne.**

Many people came to hear the world premiere performance of the remarkable composition '**Mars**' by 10 year old local prodigy **Bolton Browne.** This music was inspired by to Professor Pillenger's Mars lander project and was submitted at the age of 13 to the WOS 75th anniversary Composer's Competition in 2005 and voted runner up. Composer and proud parents attended every concert and WOS hon. member **Roger Sansom** who is also a member of the **British Interplanetary Society** was present at the concert on the 29th. Our **President Sir Patrick Moore** who has met Bolton is no doubt very pleased. Finally **Borodin's most popular Symphony No.2** completed the evening's entertainment and provided some very fine solo performances by **French Horn Ray Slater and Clarinetist Jim Grant.**

The Orchestra is very grateful to **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) violinist Tim Fisher** for taking over responsibility of leading the concert on the 30th owing to **Jane Bultz** being unavoidably absent.

In addition to providing entertainment the Orchestra is able to contribute donations to various worthy causes. On the occasion of this series proceeds after orchestra expenses were donated to church funds. The Westbourne Orchestral Society is greatly indebted to the officials of all three churches for permitting their churches to be used as concert venues and for the provision of refreshments during the intervals. Many Orchestra members and fans will no doubt be saddened to learn that this is the last series of concerts to be directed by Principal Conductor Sam Newgarth who after some thirty years of nurturing the Orchestra is to stand down.

The Society is deeply indebted to Sam and very thankful for his enormous contribution over the many years.

Sam is not retiring and will continue to conduct and direct his other orchestras and has been asked to return to the WOS for the occasional series.

Footnote:

The WOS Autumn concerts series 2007 on 17th, 23rd, and 24th November is to include the Max Bruch Violin Concerto with soloist Jane Bultz and Symphony No1 by Jean Sibelius.

The concert on the 23rd November hopefully at the restored St Ambrose Church, is to be sponsored by three Westbourne Ward Councillors from the local improvement fund and will provide an opportunity for WOS member, student Patrick Hayes to provide some piano jazz in addition to the planned programme. – see website.

This special sponsorship concert was originally planned for the 29th June but unfortunately the restoration is still not completed.

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