



A 'Pomp and Circumstance' of an Evening..... Were You There?



Rachael Marsh
(Annie Maluver)



Thunderbirds 2 makes an appearance
(Neville Dyke)



UK Garrison in their Star Wars regalia
(Annie Maluver)

Our 3rd Proms in the Park concert on June 8th has been hailed as the best yet. Returning for a second time in our 50th Anniversary season to the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry, we supported in the national commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the D Day Landings and concluded the memorable evening with a Star Wars spectacular of music, lightsabers and fireworks, complete with Storm Troopers, Darth Vader and Chewbacca. The British summer weather, which had been threatening all day, wonderfully cleared around 5pm and a large and enthusiastic audience were treated to a brilliant clear and dry night of top class music, all in aid of Nightingale House Hospice who were the featured charity at the Proms event, benefiting to the sum of around £1500 on the night.

Speaking about the Proms concert, Chairman of the British Ironwork Centre, Clive Knowles commented "*We had blue skies and the finest crowd – what a night!. We are all still buzzing after the most fantastic music and wonderful night. We want to thank everyone who came along to enjoy some top class music and entertainment. The musicians' performances were astounding although we wouldn't expect anything less. It was such a wonderful atmosphere and an honour to host. We were also proud to be able to support Nightingale House Hospice once again.*"

Richard Howarth (alias Darth Vader) once again conducted the orchestra which was well led by Storm Trooper Mark Lansom, in a programme which featured 3 pieces from Gustav Holst's 'The Planets', songs and music associated with the D-Day Landings. Our 'new' forces sweetheart, Rachael Marsh, who gave wonderful renditions of three of Dame Vera Lynn's classic war time songs, enjoys performing with the Orchestra, sharing '*It's been lovely to be part of the Proms concert for the second year. The audience is always wonderful and singing with the orchestra is an amazing experience. It's the highlight of my year and a wonderful evening for all*'. The final section included music from some of the most popular films of the last 20-30 years, with Star Wars bringing the whole evening to an exciting and spectacular close. UK Garrison, the official charitable Lucasfilm costumery company in the UK, delighted everyone in their outfits and added a unique experience to the whole event.

The Proms concert has become an enjoyable feature of our annual concert programme and we are thrilled to receive the support of the whole team at the British Ironwork Centre, whose tireless work contributes significantly in making the whole evening such a great success for everyone. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for all their hard work, both in the preparations beforehand and during the Proms concert. **Reserve the date for Proms 2020: Saturday May 23rd, 2020.**



Photos by Annie Maluver

WSO Concert Diary – 51st Concert Season

Sunday 3rd November 2019 3.30pm William Aston Hall	Sunday 19th January 2020 3.30pm William Aston Hall	Saturday 29th February 2020 7.30pm William Aston Hall
<p>50th Anniversary 'Whole Family' Birthday Party & Concert</p> <p>Come and celebrate with us in our official 50th birthday party concert as we pay tribute to the 2019</p>  <p>and support their charity Global's Make Some Noise</p> <p>Conductor: Russell Gray Soloist: Tom Blomfield - Oboe</p> <p>Concert programme includes music by Elgar, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, John Williams, Howard Shore and Strauss</p>	<p>A 'Whole Family' Concert Musical Picture Book</p> <p>Concert Programme will Include</p> <p>Mendelssohn - Hebrides Overture Tchaikovsky – Capriccio Italien Williams – Music from Harry Potter Britten - Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra and a few more musical surprises</p> <p>Conductor: Mark Lansom</p> <p>This will be a concert to blow away the January post-Christmas and mid-winter blues and look forward to Spring and Summer</p>	<p>President's Annual Concert 'Classical Innovators'</p> <p>Berlioz – King Lear Overture Beethoven – Piano Concerto No. 3 Berlioz – Symphonie Fantastique</p> <p>Conductor: Mark Lansom Soloist: Luke Jones - Piano</p> <p>Coming Up....Mark the Date Mahler Charitable Concert Series Saturday June 20th, 2020 Bridgewater Hall, Manchester Mahler Symphony No. 8</p>

You are Invited.....

Happy Birthday



We all love to receive an invitation to a party, especially when it is a special occasion and here is yours to an extra special birthday party. You are welcome to come and join us on Sunday November 3rd for our 50th 'whole family' Birthday party concert in the William Aston Hall at 3.30pm. And what an occasion it will be as Russell Gray returns to conduct us in a concert of music from the 2019 Classic FM Hall of Fame. The programme includes music from Swan Lake, Enigma Variations, Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, Beethoven's 5th Symphony and more. We also have a very special guest in Tom Blomfield who is a Principal Oboist for the Philharmonia Orchestra. Tom, who is a former youth member of the Orchestra and a previous winner of our Young Musician of the Year award (2013), is excited to be returning to perform Richard Strauss's Oboe Concerto in our 50th birthday party concert. So are we (excited that is !!!).

We are featuring the wonderful work of Global's Make Some Noise charity which offers a voice to and supports the work of 'locally based' charities whose voice is not always heard and whose work is extremely valuable, supporting vulnerable members in our communities. We are promoting a 'Make Some Noise' project with Ty Pawb involving local schools in the run up to the birthday concert. There will be a special cake and 50 candles... so please save your breath.

Zoe Harty
WSO Andrew Lansom
Young Musician of the
Year - 2019



Our partnership with Wrexham Glyndŵr University continues to strengthen and deepen, further evidenced this evening in our collaboration with Techniquet Glyndŵr. For the last couple of years, we have attended the Freshers Fair in September and this has opened up new opportunities for us in reaching out to both staff and students who are accomplished musicians. One such student is Cellist Zoe Harty, who has successfully completed her degree course in Fine Art at the School of Creative Art. We are thrilled to announce that Zoe is awarded the Andrew Lansom Young Musician for 2019. Zoe is thrilled to receive the award, *'Being involved in the orchestra over the 3 years of my Fine Art degree has given me a consistent and high-level outlet for my music which has ensured that I keep my playing up regularly while studying art. I am honoured to be a member of such a high standard of orchestra with such talented players and it made me appreciate their skills after being in youth orchestras for most of my childhood and teenage years. One of the things I enjoyed most was the variety of conductors for each of the concert programmes who each brought a distinctive, unique atmosphere, approach and style to the rehearsals'*. In offering our congratulations to Zoe, we also wish express our thanks to Claire Taylor, Deputy Vice Chancellor and the other Glyndŵr students who have performed with us during the 50th Anniversary season - Kayleigh Mortimer, Prisca Benouaret and Charlotte Ayres.

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