



Nightingale House Hospice
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Truly, it was a night to remember.... A spectacular launch concert



Saturday September 15th, 2018 will live long in the memories of the Promers and members of the Orchestra as one of those extra special concert nights. It was the official launch of our 50th Anniversary concert season in a spectacular Picnic Proms in the Park at the home of one of our commercial supporters, the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry. Speaking about the evening, Clive Knowles, Founder and Chairman of the British Ironwork Centre shares; *'This year we really tried to raise the bar and to surprise everyone who came to the Proms in the Park concert. The performance area was spectacular and shone like a beacon in the night. The Orchestra responded by being more ambitious in their programme and the addition of three wonderfully gifted soloists, added to the quality and sense of occasion. It was particularly pleasing to be able to pay a tribute to the RAF@100 and to the Dambusters @75 during the evening which ended with a dazzling firework display to the 1812 Overture. It was a real pleasure to be able to support the work of Nightingale House Hospice in Wrexham who provide a vital service to those who are nearing the end of their lives and to their families. We want Shropshire and the Borderlands to be enormously proud of what is happening here in the British Ironworks Centre and we are already looking forward to an even more spectacular evening of music in 2019.*

Terry Waite CBE, President of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and Maria Hinfelaar, President of the Orchestra, both spoke about the vital importance of the arts and music in shaping and enriching individual lives. They congratulated the Orchestra on its 50 years of music making in Wrexham and encouraged it to continue to be bold and ambitious, particularly in supporting the young musical talent of the future and continuing its commitment to students and local charities.

The concert featured a range of musical styles and tastes from classical favourites, opera gems through to music from blockbuster films as well as the traditional flag waving Proms music and songs with the 1812 Overture featuring as a main work.

This newsletter is given over completely to the Proms in the Park concert and features Terry Waite CBE, our President Maria Hinfelaar as well as profiles of the three singers and photographs from the evening. Matthew Ellis, our chairman, spoke about the Proms concert: *'It was a fabulous way to launch our 50th Anniversary season and we are all looking forward to an exciting year of wonderful concerts with top-class conductors and soloists. Do come and join us on November 24th, 2018 (WW1 Commemoration); and in 2019 on 23rd February (WNO), 4th May (Gala Anniversary) and July 20th as we mark 50 years since the Lunar module first landed on the moon ahead of Neil Armstrong's step'.*

Now, look who else was there.... Enjoying the music and Fireworks



President of Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, Terry Waite joined with Promers and spoke about the relevance of 2018 as a year to remember The Armistice and expressed concern about the decision to reduce the emphasis on the arts and music in the educational agenda, speaking about its vital importance in personal development and cultural diversity. He encouraged the Orchestra to continue to support the young emerging talent and wished it well for the next 50 years.



Welsh soprano, 15-year-old Elan Catron Parry from Wrexham, presented Terry Waite with a copy of her debut CD 'Angel'. Elan delighted a packed Proms audience by singing three songs from her CD at the Proms concert, accompanied by Wrexham pianist, Tim Jones.



President of the Wrexham Symphony Orchestra, Professor Maria Hinfelaar, Vice Chancellor of Wrexham Glyndwr, launched the 50th concert season and presented WSO Chairman Matthew Ellis with a signed, framed copy of the 50th Anniversary season logo.



Singers Rachael Marsh and Andrew Powis entranced Promers with their performance of arias from three Operas and in leading the traditional Proms songs and National Anthems



Fabulous Fireworks

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Sponsor of the Proms concert Clive Knowles is pictured with the Mayor and Mayoress of Wrexham County Borough Cllr Andy and Beverly Williams and the High Sherriff of Shropshire,



The Nightingale House team getting ready for the Proms evening, which raised over £2250 for the Charity

Our next concert is a Commemoration of The Armistice, supporting the work of the Royal British Legion (Wales) on Saturday 24th November 2018 at 7.15pm at the William Aston Hall in a programme of music of the time together with readings of poems and letters from the front line. Tickets from www.wrexhamorch.co.uk/tickets or usual sources.