

Saturday 11th May

7.45pm

MOZART Symphony No. 35 in D "Haffner"
DELIUS A Song Before Sunrise
DELIUS Summer Evening
REINECKE Flute Concerto
DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 7 in D minor

Barbara Richerby *flute*
Neil Mantle *conductor*

Greyfriar's Church

RECENT PRESS NOTICES

MAHLER 3

"This was the most assured and sustained playing I have heard from them with the hard worked brass and strings emerging with particular credit. The huge climaxes were genuinely stirring. Each of its six movements were distinctively characterised while the conductor Neil Mantle maintained a sure grip on rhythm and momentum."
(Scotsman)

ELGAR *The Kingdom*

"A memorable performance A feeling of being present at a great musical event The orchestra, demonstrating the brilliance of ELGAR'S orchestration, played with distinction."
(Linlithgow Gazette)

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS 6

"This was held together by a fierce intensity that gripped the heart and shook the body with its very loud and potent sound. The orchestra gave a chilling performance of this powerful work."
(Scotsman)

TICKET INFORMATION

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CONCERTS:

£6.50
£5.00 concessions
£3.00 schoolchildren

Available From:

Edinburgh Festival Fringe Office
The Queen's Hall (668 2019)
Usher Hall (228 1155)
Assembly Rooms and
King's Theatre (220 4349)
and **Members of the Orchestra**

EDINBURGH BACH SOCIETY CONCERT:

£8.00
£6.00 concessions

ALL OTHER PERFORMANCES:

£6.00
£5.00 concessions
£3.50 schoolchildren

Available from all of the above outlets with the exception of the Fringe Office.

SINFONIA CONCERTS 1995~96

25th anniversary season

leader Michael Rigg conductor NEIL MANTLE

Welcome to our 25th Anniversary Season! As you will see we have a varied programme of concerts - something for everyone in fact.

CONCERTS

Our annual MAHLER concerts have become an established part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe almost since **SINFONIA** began. We started appropriately enough, with the first symphony in 1972 and have since then given the majority of the cycle several times. As the Sunday Times critic put it: "The orchestra has a rough-hewn sound which packs no punches and suits MAHLER'S music very well."

The actual 25th Anniversary Concert is in November and the composer of the main work theme - ELGAR - is again something of a **SINFONIA** speciality. Many of our regular audience will recall our performances in Edinburgh and Linlithgow last year of his beautiful and somewhat underated oratorio 'The Kingdom' as a highlight of that season.

In February we offer you the opportunity to cast off the winter 'blues' by joining us for an evening of Mediterranean warmth, offering you a musical travelogue around France, Spain and Italy. Just the ticket for a cold Sunday night, (and they're only £6.00 each).

One of the happiest events in our season's concerts of late, have been our collaborations with the Edinburgh Bach Society Choir. This year we join with them in a performance of HAYDN'S justly famed Oratorio 'The Creation'.

It is always a pleasure when an opportunity arises, for one of the members of the orchestra to step forward and play a Concerto. Barbara Richerby has been principal flute since 1985 and a much valued member. She has chosen the rarely heard Concerto by REINECKE. Our anniversary season closes with the music of DVORÁK - his beautiful seventh symphony.

We are most grateful for the continued support of our sponsors and regular patrons but also look forward to welcoming new friends to our concerts.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL CONCERTS

Sunday 27th August 5.00pm
Monday 28th August 8.00pm

MAHLER Symphony No. 9 in D

Neil Mantle *conductor*

Greyfriar's Church

Sunday 19th November 7.45pm

25th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

BRAHMS Academic Festival Overture
SCHUMANN Piano Concerto in A minor
ELGAR Symphony No. 2 in E_b major

Gillian Gray *piano*

Neil Mantle *conductor*

Greyfriar's Church

Sunday 4th February 7.45pm

BERLIOZ Overture - Roman Carnival
RESPIGHI The Fountains of Rome
RAVEL Alborada del Gracioso
FAURÉ Dolly Suite
DEBUSSY L'Après-midi d'un faune
RAVEL Daphnis et Chloe (2nd suite)

Neil Mantle *conductor*

Greyfriar's Church

Saturday 23rd March 7.45pm

JOINT CONCERT WITH EDINBURGH BACH SOCIETY

HAYDN The Creation

Susan Leslie *soprano* (Gabriel and Eve)
Peter Alexander Wilson *tenor* (Uriel)
Robin Greenway *bass* (Adam)
Iain Paterson *bass* (Raphael)
Neil Mantle *conductor*

Greyfriar's Church