

ARTISTS' COMMENTS 2023

MAHAN ESFAHANI

Forgive me for writing so late after the concert at Little Missenden. It was the last of a very long string of concerts and it felt this time as though one was “coming home” in the best way, to friends and listeners that I’ve known for a long time.

Believe it or not, I managed to ingest my body weight in ginger and Bovril to the extent that I think I avoided a pretty bad cold, but also — and this is not just me being sentimental — I’m sure that the experience in Little Missenden went a long way toward making me feel better. You are all very much appreciated and loved by me.

JONATHAN DOVE

Thanks so much for sending these photos, a lovely souvenir of a beautiful concert. I’m so glad I came!

ANGELA HEWITT

It was lovely to perform for you the other night in Little Missenden! It was a great audience and I felt how much they enjoyed it.

PHILIP GRANELL (PHAEDRA CONSORT)

Thank you for your kind words, and also for your wonderful hospitality. The concert had a relaxed intimacy that was a pleasure to perform in. I would also prefer such a warm, appreciative audience that really listens over a more distracted larger one.

Many thanks for supporting contemporary music.

CLARE HAMMOND

Thank you so much for inviting me to perform at Little Missenden last weekend. I had a wonderful time and was very glad to play for the festival!

MATTHEW FLETCHER (pianist for Janacek’s *Diary of One Who Disappeared* in *Forbidden Love* concert)

It was great to perform at the festival - thanks for having me! What a beautiful venue - I really enjoyed it.

LUCY COLQUHOUN (pianist for Britten and Rebecca Clark items)

It really was a phenomenal pleasure to come and perform for you yesterday. I have literally heard of the Little Missenden Festival for years and years and had been fostering a dream of one day playing for you at some point in the future. For it to have arrived yesterday really was just wonderful! Thank you so, so much for having me! It was lovely to meet you and speak to many audience members afterwards who were all absolutely lovely!