

CONCERT REVIEW

Nutcracker & Carols Concert – Lymington

I had the privilege of hearing one of the best local concerts in recent memory last weekend at St Thomas Church in Lymington. An audience of 200 people enjoyed the Nova Foresta Classical Players combine with the Lymington Choral Society for a simply beautiful performance. Opening with a selection of favourite carols, the Lymington Choral Society showed numerous and subtle vocal colours, supported sensitively by the Nova Foresta Classical Players; the pianissimo section of 'O Little One Sweet' was captivating. The orchestra then wowed the audience with a virtuosic performance of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and I particularly enjoyed watching the cellist and violin section! Then we had more carols including 'Torches' and 'Away in a Manger', but the highlight of the entire concert was a spectacular rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus, by Handel. Here, I heard a choir and orchestra working in perfect harmony, with energy and passion, bringing joy to the audience. I look forward to future concerts by these groups, for music is alive and well in Lymington.

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