

## Wild Arts      2022 Opera Evening tour

### Feedback from hosts

#### **Lindy O'Hare, Thorington Theatre**

*What a triumph! The audience were truly enraptured from start to finish - we had so many positive comments. Much happiness all round. Congratulations!*

#### **Jocelyn Poulton, Childerley Hall**

*Childerley is still glowing because of the warmth of appreciation following your incredible performance at Childerley. A million bravis to all the performers and musicians. We loved having you here and - look forward to 2023 and beyond.*

#### **Private Garden, Essex**

*It was a wonderfully beautiful evening and could not have been enjoyed more. So many compliments and such an entertaining team. Thank you all from the bottoms of our hearts. We could not be happier.*

#### **Georgina Harding, Hall Farm**

*That was brilliant! It made so many people happy, people who knew opera and people who'd never seen anything like it! I've had some wonderful thank you's and comments. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I must say I hadn't quite taken on board the number of people and the complexities of putting on such a production. But you all worked it so well, and I was glad you were able to find everything you needed (I hope) in terms of space and facilities in the house. Rarely ever has it been so full and alive!*

#### **Olivia Pomp and Gary Rowlands, Abbey Hall**

*Thank you to you, the wonderful musicians and spectacular singers for their hard work, creativity and fantastic music. It was such a delight to host you all.*

#### **Verity Sharp, Lawrence Home Nursing Charity**

*Thank you very much for show on Friday evening - what a wonderful performance; we had so many positive comments from the audience; the combination of wonderful music, skilful and lighthearted acting, and compelling storytelling were marvellous. Everyone enjoyed it so much!*

#### **Keswick Music Society**

*Thank you so much for a really wonderful*



*performance on Saturday. It was a complete success and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, as was obvious during the evening. The performance was a real triumph of timing and ensemble, lovely to listen to and such fun to watch. And it was a great pleasure meeting the cast and players afterwards.*

**Private Garden, London**

*I just wanted to thank you for the wonderful performance your company gave yesterday evening. The audience feedback was lovely.*

**Dulwich College**

*That was a very special evening. My mind is fizzing with ideas as we begin to think ahead to 2023 and beyond. Do pass on sincere thanks to your group. They did a wonderful job and their performance was wonderfully well received by our audience.*

**Private garden, Oxfordshire**

*Thank you so much for the wonderful evening of joy. We loved having you perform in our garden and all our guests had a wonderful time. All the musicians are very talented and just very lovely people. We would love to have you back in the summer 2023.*

**Philip Godsal, Iscloyd Park**

*I just wanted to thank you and your amazingly talented crew for a fantastic evening. You were brilliant and we all so enjoyed the night. The combination of music and they way you delivered it was fantastic and I am so glad we got you up here and met you all. We would certainly like to book you in again next year.*

**Veronica Monserrat, Stonesfield**

*We've had lots of lovely messages of thanks. Everyone had such a good evening. We saw quite a few of our guests today and they were still buzzing. One told us she looked up at the sky when she was listening to your music and thought to herself 'if heaven is like this, I'm up for being there!'*

**Alistair Park, Buckinghamshire**

*We've had lots of positive feedback from the audience. There were first-timers (adults, teenagers and quite young children) who'd never been to an opera before and were delighted to find that they could not only follow it, but also found it funny and enjoyed the music and performances. We also had serious opera-goers who were blown away by the quality. We'd like to do something next year!*

**Nicholas Charrington, Layer Marney Tower**

*What a triumph - well done to you and the whole team.*



**Jill and Mark Pellew, Burford**

*It all worked very well for us. The outcome paid immeasurably for our nervousness in the lead-up to the evening, as we were doing it for the first time. We found all your troupe absolutely delightful personally, and we have been basking in endless compliments about the show from practically all comers, mostly saying they are already looking forward to next year's opera!*

**Katie Williams, Ditchley Foundation**

*I just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful performance on Saturday.*

**Tom Elliot, Bridgepoint Music**

*It was a fabulous evening. Marvellous singers, great arrangements and lovely players. The Fidelio quartet will live long in the memory of all who heard it.*

## **Feedback from audience members**

*What a great creation: ROH standard out here under the Suffolk trees. Choices spot-on excellent, the quality terrific and the staging exactly right. Anyone in fear of Opera would have been converted! - Libby Purves*

*I just wanted to say how wonderful your show at Iscoyd Park was. I simply had the best time: great selection of music, beautifully performed with humour and no little emotion (mostly on my part!). Thank you so much. - Craig*

*“What a magical evening - everything just perfect: a wonderful display of young talent - fabulous singers, five string players par excellence, genius arrangements and a programme perfectly put-together and presented. It doesn't get any better than that. MORE please and if there is any kind of encore, we will want to be there to bring friends. It was an absolute joy.*

*A wonderful evening last night. The whole event was a pure joy. It was a privilege to have been there. We travelled home on a cloud.*

*We thought last night was an absolute delight from beginning to end.... As for the music — we left feeling utterly elated. What a joy to be listening to marvellous singing in such an atmosphere. The orchestra was brilliant.”*





*Stripped of the self-conscious pomp and splendour of the grand opera houses, the music, singing and acting were transporting. Wild Arts is a wonderful vision and initiative ...*

*Enormous thanks for such a wonderful evening.*

*Splendid evening; highly amusing, memorable music and wonderful atmosphere - you've pulled it off again! Looking forward to it becoming a regular place in our diaries. - Jill*

*Last night's concert was pure joy!*

*We loved the opera evening at Chiltern Open Air Museum this evening*

*A magical opera evening in Taynton.*

*"The quartet from Fidelio was heavenly, and it was inspired to place each singer in a special position ..... thanks for a magical evening."*

*It was a simply stunning event, absolutely perfect. All the performers were terrific, the programme varied and interesting. We loved every minute.*

*Many thanks indeed for an absolutely magical evening – the wonderful performances (and such brilliant arrangements).*

*This was opera for the modern age – intimate, refined, pure and so engaging. - John*

*It was a real triumph! Brilliant venue arrangements too. - Nigel*

*Thank you all for such a magical and glorious evening at Falconhurst. A lovely and varied programme, lifting the spirits! - Elizabeth*

*I recently attended the Opera in the Garden in New Malden and loved every minute! What a fabulous venture! Jill*

*Wild Arts shows are bloody brilliant - Mel Giedroyc*

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