



Sarah Ioannides, left, and the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra.

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With a dark blue interior and stained-glassed skylight, the Chapman Cultural Center's David Reid Theater made an appropriate setting for the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra's second masterworks concert, featuring a piece depicting several nocturnal themes.

On Sunday afternoon, tenor Wayne Hobbs and horn player Anneka Zuehlke-King — both local soloists — joined members of SPO to present Benjamin Britten's “Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings,” a setting of six poems from varied authors regarding “the fainting sun” and “still midnight.” The British composer's centenary — two days before the performance — was celebrated around the world with performances of his work.

An optimistic yet contemplative horn prologue begins the serenade; Zuehlke-King's thoughtful and meditative phrasing complemented Britten's ideas.

Both the opening prologue and an epilogue are written to be played without the valves, a difficult task requiring the musician to navigate the passage with only her embouchure and the horn's natural harmonic system. This technique creates a sound closer to a hunting horn, appropriate for the next idyllic movement. Here, Hobbs entered with serene lines from Charles Cotton's “Pastoral,” his bright but warm tone painting a tranquil dusk in the country. Hobbs and Zuehlke-King coaxed each other through this beautiful piece, accompanied by the withheld strings.

Especially enchanting was the setting of Alfred, Lord Tennyson's “Nocturne,” with noble call and response between voice and horn, and William Blake's “Elegy,” a poem to a withering rose. This movement pulses and explores the horn's range — and bent notes — creating an ethereal and haunting mood befitting Blake's evocative text. Happily, Hobbs and Zuehlke-King rejoined the ensemble for an encore at the end of the concert, performing Tchaikovsky's “Kuda” aria from his opera “Eugene Onegin.”

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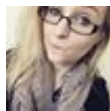
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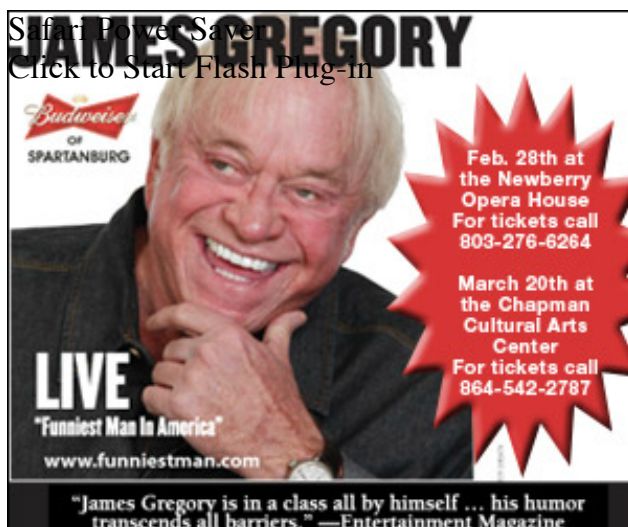
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