

SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday 4th April 2009
The Alley Theatre, Strabane

Alan Fernie (Adjudicator)

Section: B

Band: 4

Purcell Variations

Comments

Intro. Strong playing. Chords not together 7-10 and some wrong notes 30 → ? Good though.

~~Intro~~ Theme - What a good sound! Balance is good, and 2 can hear the work done on tuning!

Var. 1 Well played - lots of detail as show here. Take care not to rush! Well directed.

Var. 2 Muted brass? Nice feeling to the tempo here, but it does expose 1 or 2 issues - I'm sure you know about them!

Var. 3. Almost as 1 in tubas! You're liking this, as am I. 2 like the gassy feel, which is most convincingly done all. Emphs not too happy up top (290 ish). Great stuff though.

Var. 4 (Andante) - slight tuning issues here - it's a test to play this after the previous jazz, and it's testing you today!

Finale Some problems in defining triple rhythm from time to time - excellent playing from all, but we do still

Musical Points Awarded: 87

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Additional comments

hear a few tuning problems, which a band of this calibre should and could solve! Last note is a particular case in point !!

One heck of a good band here, well directed! You really tackled the considerable demands here very, very well, perhaps peaking too early with the jazzy section! Much to enjoy though !!

Well played and Thank You
