

BIG BAND BAROQUE

Director – Nigel Swinford

Programme includes

Count Basie: Jumpin' at the Woodside
Count Basie: Swingin' the Blues
Music by Duke Ellington and Glen Miller
NEO sings Gospel
Telemann – Concerto for Two Flutes
Handel: Water Music
Handel: Zadok the Priest
Handel: Fireworks Music: La Réjouissance

Venues

The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Wednesday 26th February 2003, 7.30pm

£7.00, £11.00, £13.00, £16.00, £20.00, £23.00

Box Office 0161 907 9000

Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Thursday 27th February 2003, 7.30pm

£7.00, £9.00, £12.00, £15.00, £18.00, £20.00, £23.00

Box Office 0121 780 3333

www.symphonycity.co.uk/boxoffice

Colston Hall, Bristol

Saturday 8th March 2003, 7.30pm

£7.00, £9.00, £11.00, £13.00, £15.00

Box Office 0117 922 3686

Tickets for all venues Freephone:

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"The NEO in The Bridgewater Hall"

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A stunning new concert format by the New English Orchestra, where the pounding rhythm and blazing brass of Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Glen Miller's Big Band music vie with the speed, delicacy, dance beats and rippling virtuosity of Handel's famous Water Music and Telemann's Concerto for Two Flutes. The evening is bound together by the vibrant NEO Singers, one minute in Gospel mode and the next performing Zadok the Priest. A joyous evening of celebration climaxes with La Réjouissance from Handel's Firework Music to the accompaniment of a spectacular indoor firework and light display, in three of the country's major concert venues at The Bridgewater, Symphony and Colston Halls. (see back page for details)



NEO Live on BBC 1 on Christmas Day

On Christmas Day the NEO Singers and some members of the Orchestra took part in a live television broadcast from St Peter's Church in Halliwell, Bolton as part of their family Christmas celebrations.

Pieces performed included many well known carols including the NEO's inimitable version of *Ding Dong*, together with the dramatic *This Little Babe* from Britten's Ceremony of Carols, and *De Virgin Mary*. The logistical challenge of getting everyone there from different parts of the country to spend most of Christmas Eve rehearsing, and then for people to disperse to be with their families for Christmas Day lunch has become yet another memorable moment in the folklore of NEO performances.



REDUCED TICKET PRICES FOR NEO FRIENDS?

Are you an NEO Friend? If so, you could be getting a reduction on the higher priced tickets at the Big Band and Baroque concerts as one of the benefits of joining.

The NEO Friends, set up in 1994, exists to enable those who are interested in the NEO to learn more of what we do, to support our work and gain insights into the way the Orchestra operates. The benefits of being a Friend include reductions in concert ticket prices (when they are not free!), special events and offers and, most importantly, *Opus*, the high quality bi-annual magazine produced exclusively for NEO Friends containing articles and insights into the operations of the NEO.

If you would like information on the benefits of becoming an NEO Friend please send your cheque for £20 individual membership, or £30 for family membership made payable to New English Orchestra to:

(please note that there are special concessionary rates for performers and others – cost on application to

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