

Year 7 Trip to ‘Classical Spectacular’ 2010

On Friday 19th March twenty three Year 7 pupils went on a music based trip to the Royal Albert Hall in London. It was a fantastic experience and I’m glad I went.

We went to watch ‘Classical Spectacular’ which was performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Band of the Welsh Guards.

The Royal Albert Hall is massive! For those who have only seen it on TV, it’s probably bigger than you think. As we stepped into the Hall, I was amazed with the amount of seats and people that were able to experience this truly magnificent performance. Although classical music isn’t my type of music, I partly enjoyed it and I’m glad that I was able to go.

The orchestra was conducted by the famous John Rigby. He is famous for conducting musicals including ‘Phantom of the Opera’, Les Miserables, Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat and many more. We were very lucky to have him.

As we had very good seats, we were able to see everything that went on. There were eleven pieces of music and quite a few of them were recognisable to the audience – like the ‘Can, Can’, ‘Sleeping Beauty’ and ‘Pomp and Circumstance No.1’, famous for its use in ‘The Last Night of the Proms’ also performed at the Royal Albert Hall.

The concert wasn’t just about music; the lighting played a massive part in this performance. Throughout the show, there were different coloured lasers and other types of lighting. There were beams, smoke, and spotlights that were projected all around the hall. Towards the end it was amazing. The orchestra played the ‘1812 Overture’ by Tchaikovsky and there were cannons, sparklers, lasers and about seven musket gunshots from the Moscow Militia.

It was truly a classical spectacular and I’m glad I could attend.

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