

CHARNWOOD ORCHESTRA

On Saturday 28th June 2008 they will be performing at the Church of St. James the Greater, London Road, Leicester and will perform Schumann's Manfred Overture, Strauss Four Last Songs and Elgar's Symphony number 1.

The concert starts with Schumann's Manfred Overture written in 1849 and set to Lord Byron's dramatic poem of the same name. Byron's Manfred was a broken hearted soul, wandering around the Alps whilst contemplating suicide. It seems Schumann was greatly influenced by him as not only is it one of his most impressive orchestral scores but also one of the last works he wrote before he himself tried to commit suicide.

The concert continues with Strauss' Four Last Songs written in 1948 and the Charnwood Orchestra is pleased to announce that Marie Vassiliou is to be their soloist. Marie studied viola and singing at the Royal College of Music and won many prizes including the Tagore Gold Medal as outstanding student of the year. She now regularly performs widely both in the UK and internationally, as well as teaching at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Finally the concert will end with Elgar's Symphony No. 1 completed in 1908. After its first performance the press announced it as "perhaps the finest masterpiece of its type that ever came from the pen of an English composer". A broad theme recurs throughout the symphony which finally ends in a triumphant march.

The concert will start at 7.45 and finish around 9.30 with wine, Castle Rock real ale and soft drinks available in the interval. Tickets will cost £8.00, £6.00 (concessions) and £2.00 for accompanied children of 16 and under. They are available from the Orchestra Secretary (01509 412063), by email from rodgers_david@hotmail.com, from members of the orchestra or on the door.