

Tim Kliphuis Trio – Saturday 23rd March 2024

Classic meets Jazz in Ardrishaig

The well-attended final concert of Mid Argyll Arts Association (MAAA)'s 40th season was performed by the wonderful Tim Kliphuis Trio on Saturday 23rd March 2024 in Ardrishaig Public Hall.

The delighted audience was treated to a fabulous and varied evening of music and was held spellbound by the virtuoso performances of Tim Kliphuis, violin, Nigel Clark, guitar and Roy Percy, double bass.

The first half of the concert consisted of a mesmerising suite of movements inspired by Pictures at an Exhibition by Modest Mussorgsky and included stunning interpretations of masterpieces such as The Kiss, by Klimt; The Great Wave of Kanagawa, by Hokusai and Starry Night, by Van Gogh. The jaw-dropping skills and mastery of the musicians were showcased throughout; with the music and artworks brought to dramatic life with evocative imagery, created by imaginative playing techniques and extraordinary and unique musical compositions.

The second half of the concert included arrangements that developed themes with skilful mastery from well-loved works by classical composers such as J.S. Bach, Copland, Handel, Pachelbel and R. Strauss. These were brilliantly performed and infused with jazz artistry; at times playful, moving, thought-provoking and stimulating. The trio performed one of their favourite jazz classics: a smoky and romantic rendition of Hoagy Carmichael's The Nearness of You. Also included in the second half of the programme were beautiful interpretations of traditional folk melodies, such as the powerful and haunting Irish folk song, She Moved Through the Fair.

Following rapturous applause, the trio responded to the enthusiastic audience demand for an encore with a captivating, dreamy and unforgettable arrangement of the lovely Richard Strauss song, Morgen (Tomorrow the Sun Will Shine), bringing to an end a truly memorable evening.

MAAA receives support from Chamber Music Scotland, with funding provided by Creative Scotland. Tonight's concert was funded by Ventient Energy A'Chruach Wind Farm Community Fund.

We are delighted to announce an extra concert in this our 40th season "An evening of piano music and arias" on Saturday 20th April in Ardrishaig Public Hall at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you there.