

Saturday 7th September 2024

Mid Argyll Arts Association have just celebrated their 40th Season with various special events. One such event last month was a joint concert with Ardrishaig Gala Committee which was part of the Ardrishaig Gala week and also a precursor to our own 2024/25 Season. With Ardrishaig Public Hall undergoing renovations our piano has been temporarily moved to a new home/venue - Christ Church where our concerts will be held. On Saturday night we welcomed Hugh Mackay (cello) and Xiaowen Shang (piano) to perform for us at our opening concert of the season there. We were delighted to welcome both old and new faces to this concert and even more delighted to be sent this review which is very much a reflection on the music performed on Saturday.

Review of last night's concert

Firstly a little about me, music is important in my life. I go to gigs, listen all day, attend festivals but I do not 'do classical'. On Saturday I found myself in Christ Church listening to a cello and piano – what a revelation! The music was not what I expected at all! At times, discordant, other times soft and melodic and everything in between. My emotions were rattled! What surprised me most was the power of the silence during and at the end of pieces – the audience, place and players were as one.

I will be going again and suggest you give classical a try.

MAAA next concert is Richard Scholfield (saxophone) and Iain Clarke(piano) on Friday 4th Oct in Christ Church at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you there.