NORTHERN SINFONIA



MPORTANT PREMIERES in the 1985/86 season

JOHN WOOLRICH — ELLEN ZWILICH — ROBIN HOLLOWAY — EDWARD COWIE

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Wednesday 23 October Stockton Parish Church WOOLRICH Thursday 24 October Newcastle City Hall

First performance of a commission from Stockton Parish Church with funds from the Arts Council of Great Britain, John Woolrich was recently composer/fellow at Durham University.

ELLEN ZWILICH

'Introduction and variations for string orchestra' Thursday 21 November Newcastle City Hall Saturday 23 November St. Cuthbert's Church, Carlisle

European première of American Éllen Zwilich's 'Introduction and variations for string orchestra'. In 1983 she won the Pulitzer Prize for music, the first women ever to receive this coveted award. This work has been recorded, conducted by John Nelson who will also conduct this British performance.

ROBIN HOLLOWAY

'Bassoon Concerto'

Wednesday 8 January, 1986 Newcastle City Hall Thursday 9 January Dolphin Centre, Darlington

World première of a new Sinfonia commission with funds provided by the Arts Council of Great Britain. Holloway composed one of the Sinfonia's most successful commissions, The Idyll, which was first performed at the 1983 Cheltenham Festival. This new work has been commissioned for the Sinfonia's talented bassoonist Stephen Reay.

EDWARD COWIE

'Harp Concerto'

Sunday 18 May, 1986 Newcastle City Hall Monday 19 May Stockton Parish Church Tuesday 20 May Barbican, London.

First performance of a Sinfonia commission from artist/composer, Edward Cowie, with funds provided by Tyne Tees Television. Frances Kelly will be the soloist.

Further information and full concert programme available from The Sinfonia Centre, 41 Jesmond Vale, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 1PG. Tel: 0632 322108

LISZT Légendes

for orchestra

Liszt's Légendes for piano — 'San Francesco d'Assisi' and 'San Francesco di Paola' — have long been known to pianists as one of the composer's finest works. The discovery in 1975 of Liszt's autograph manuscript of a version for orchestra, which may well have preceded the piano version, was a musical event of the first importance. Now Editio Musica Budapest has published a study score of this significant addition to the orchestral repertoire of the Romantic era, with an introduction and critical commentary by Friedrich Schnapp.



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BAYAN NORTHCOTT'S Sextet was premiered on 9 May by the Fires of London, and his choral work Hymn to Cybele will be performed at the ISCM festival in Amsterdam.

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for chorus and orchestra

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ROBERTO GERHARD

Cantata

for soprano, baritone, chorus, and orchestra

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ROBIN HOLLOWAY Viola Concerto

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