



# Petersfield Musical Festival

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Dear Keith,

Very many thanks and congratulations for the orchestra's performance of The Kingdom on Saturday. Quite apart from making such a fine job of an enormous virtuoso score, they made the richest sound that we have heard in that hall for a long time. The audience, by all accounts, was impressed and inspired, and the committee were both astonished that everyone fitted in, and delighted by the orderly and considerate manner of the orchestra members.

Please pass on to all the players the thanks of everyone involved in the Festival. I did speak to those of them who were in the Green Room in the interval, but it was not everyone, by any means.

I have been asked whether you are coming again next year - and if not, why not?! I wonder if you would consider a return visit? We would love you to come. On Saturday 16th March we have a programme including the Vaughan Williams Benedicite and John Rutter's Magnificat. The orchestra for this is 2 2 2 2; 4 3 3 1 Timp. 2 Perc, Harp and Strings, and there is room in the programme for one or two orchestral works totalling 25-30 minutes. Robin Wells would be very happy for you to conduct something from your 1996 repertoire in that slot, either orchestra only, or a concerto. Compared with The Kingdom, these two choral works should be comparatively straightforward, I should think, and the smaller wind section would make it possible to bring a slightly smaller orchestra perhaps - giving a bit more bow room to the back desks of violins! Perhaps you could let me know what you think about this.

Meanwhile, I enclose the cheque. Do let me know what the coaches cost, too, and we should be able to make at least a contribution.

With very best wishes for your forthcoming concerts,

Yours  
Philip