

Fred Sherwin
says

“Blackburn Chorus, Virtuosi Orchestra Concert a treat for the ears.”

“Classical music lovers were treated to another stellar performance by the Blackburn Chorus and Ottawa’s Virtuosi Orchestra Friday evening as the two groups collaborated to deliver a stirring interpretation of Vivaldi’s master works The Four Seasons and Gloria.”

“Demonstrating his abundant talent Ioan Harea turned in a masterful performance of Vivaldi’s famous violin concerti, wooing the audience of about 300 with his impeccable playing and virtuosity.”

“At the time it was written at the beginning of the 18th century, The Four Seasons was a radical departure from the musical norm of the day relying as it does on a constant parry and thrust between soloist and Orchestra.”

“The lively interplay between the clashing forces is most evident during the Summer Presto in which Harea and the Virtuosi Orchestra tackled each other with a tempered ferocity that left the audience truly mesmerized.”

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