roger woodward

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Välkommen åter, Woodward

Here's to the next time. Woodward

Grünewaldsalen: Piano recital with Roger Woodward

Program: Works by Chopin.

Roger woodward is a pianist's name becoming more and more evident in the international press. Critics speak only in superlatives and when one has heard him play one can understand wny. However what I don't understand is why the extensive PR material about Woodward does not reveal his age and nationality. My eyes tell me however that Woodward is between 40 and 50. My ears tell me that he is one of the truly great cianists of the 80%. His performance ranges from the essence of a co.ourful whisper to the most dynamic virtuosity and this shows that he has incredible control over intricate counterpoint line play. Woodward's repertoire contains about 90 (!) piano and orchestral works play. Woodward's repertoire contains about 90 (!) plano and orenestral works -from Bach to Kenakis. His solo repertoire with the complete classical range as a foundation is almost unending.

He has a tour of 12 concerts ahead of him in Australia spanning Chopin's entire works.

He also played Chopin at his Scandinavian debut last week in a way which made me sit upright in my chair, listen and take it all in. No emotional illusions in the name of virtuosity here! Woodward offers only purity of performance.

It was clear right from the start with the initial O' major Nocturne where the melodic declamations were entwined with unending silver thread which was only temporarily discontinued in a shimmering cloud of tones before again assuming its ephemeral presence.

Accounted also established his personal relationship with Chopin in a magnificently structured "Anadare spinanco" and the accompanying polanishes. But Woodward is at his most engaging when playing groups of waitzes and macureas winton he produced as the quintessential Chopin message and plaintiful chopin message and plaintiful chopin message and plaintiful choping the produced of the produced and the produced as a societie value in itself. A sense of strong plano power was a continuous thread through this poetry.

We look forward to the next time Mr. Woodward.

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