

Haut-Anjou

Segré – Friday, the Château de la Lorie hosted an evening of horn and piano

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A magical concert at la Lorie

With undisguised happiness, Florence de Saint-Genys saw the drive of la Lorie fill with cars as people arrived to attend the concert given by the two artists on Friday the 7th of August. Johanna Horny-Neumann and Roland Horvath, pianist and horn player respectively. In demand around the world for performances, they share a passion to perform in front of other people. Johanna specialises in teaching music to gifted children and Roland focuses on music education, he demonstrated this amply by providing a narration at the beginning of each piece chosen for la Lorie. His impassioned observations were punctuated with humour and brought the various pieces to life by bringing people closer to their composers. In order to give an inspired interpretation of the pieces, Johanna, the pianist, went so far as to play one piece with only one hand, as Scriabin had lost his right arm. The audience was captivated by this performance. The programme chosen by the artists was varied, ranging from complex themes to lighter ones and including works by Bach, Mozart, Debussy, Rüdener and, of course, Strauss's "Blue Danube" to end off the magical evening... A famous Waltz which Roland Horvath calls: "The unofficial anthem of Austria"! This last performance earned them a well-earned standing ovation and an encore. La Lorie saw a large audience which, given the charm of the event, left the beautiful gallery while admiring the illuminated château, overwhelmed by this musical voyage. The next major events will take place on the heritage weekend in September, including a catwalk show and a show on the Pont d'Ardoise, with its "Stories of laughter".

A reminder of two great artists.