

Review

Success in twin town

GUILDFORD Philharmonic Choir has returned from its first official visit to Freiburg where it performed Handel's *Messiah* to a capacity audience in Freiburg Munster.

The choir was accompanied by the Mayor of Guildford, Mrs. Mary Lloyd-Jones, and the borough's chief executive, Mr. David Watts.

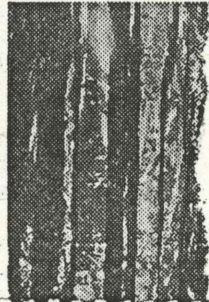
The choir's concert in Freiburg followed the visit of the Freiburger Bach Chor to Guildford in April for a performance of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* in Guildford Cathedral, conducted by Sir Charles Groves. The Philharmonic choir was trained by Neville Creed, the choir's chorus master.

The concert in Freiburg was the culmination of celebrations for the 10th anniversary of the twinning of Freiburg and Guildford and was described by the Ober-

burgermeister of Freiburg, Dr. Rolf Bohme, as possibly one of the most successful "twinning" events ever to have taken place in Freiburg.

The members of the Guildford choir were guests of the Freiburger Bach Chor who offered generous hospitality to its guests.

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TIRED but still smiling, Guildford's jet-setting mayor attended the last day of the show on two hours' sleep.

A town-twinning celebration in Freiburg kept Mrs. Mary Lloyd-Jones away from the show on Saturday, but she made it for the appointed time of 11 a.m. on Sunday with minutes to spare.

"We went to bed at 2 a.m., were called at 4.20 a.m., caught the plane at 6.45 a.m. Freiburg time, and arrived back at Heathrow at 7.10 a.m. I just had time to call in home for a quick change and we ar-

rived on the dot of 11.00 a.m.," she said.

Mrs. Lloyd-Jones had been attending a combined performance of Handel's *Messiah* by the Freiburg Bach Choir and 70 members of the Guildford Philharmonic Choir. The performance was given to celebrate 10 years' twinning of the two towns.

The concert, given to an audience of more than 2,000, including about 30 people from Guildford, was a very special one, held in the cathedral to mark the anniversary. "Freiburg's lord mayor, Mr. Rolf Böhme, thought it was the most successful event since the town-twinning began," said Mrs. Lloyd-Jones.

Describing herself as "slightly tired but happy", the mayor said she had enjoyed a "most fantastic weekend".

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