

EIF – In the Light of Shadow at The Usher Hall

As part of the EIF's policy of bringing orchestras to Edinburgh for multiple concerts (for the purposes of sustainability), this week it is the turn of Ilumina, the São Paulo-based artist collective founded by the American violist Jennifer Stumm.

This was a personal choice by Festival Director, Nicola Benedetti, and part of the innovative beanbag concert series where the seats in the stalls are removed and replaced with beanbags to provide a more interactive and relaxed musical experience.

“In the Light of Shadow” spanned a variety of music from French baroque to Afro-samba. The artists in beautifully coloured outfits provided a concert involving movement and expressive playing as well as virtuoso performance. Pieces included work by Mozart, Ludwig van Beethoven, Richard Wagner, Jean-Baptiste Lully, György Kurtág, and Heitor Villa-Lobos.

The entire recital exuded joy. I could not help but leave with a broad grin on my face.

<https://www.eif.co.uk/events/illumina-residency-in-the-light-of-the-shadow>

The residency goes on until 17 August.



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