

International Holocaust Memorial Day January 27th 2016: Christ Church Clifton, Bristol

Christ Church Clifton was packed with individuals from religious and secular communities around the city. It was a privilege to welcome the Jewish community.

A chance meeting between Erica Bebb and concert pianist Maria Garzon, whilst Maria was practising on the grand piano at Christ Church Clifton, triggered an idea, resulting in an event to remember and raise money for IHMD locally.

Maria was promoting the work of composer and musician Viktor Ullman who incredibly wrote the most impactful music from death camps of WW2; eventually he was killed in Auschwitz. Maria was also producing a documentary about Ullman's life and music; it was screened on BBC 4 for instance.

Maria gave a concert on January 27th 2016 of Ullmann's music accompanied by excerpts from the documentary and poetry. The opera singers Huw Priday and Elizabeth Woollett were special guests, singing inspirational pieces to highlight light out of darkness.

It was a most memorable evening, we all learnt a great deal, never to be forgotten.

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