

## **Weather report : Martin Adams, The Irish Times**

NCH, Dublin Bill Campbell - Weather Report. Brian Irvine - Montana Strange. The Horizons series ended with a memorable, invigorating concert devoted to music by two Belfast-born composers. Bill Campbell's Weather Report is a bracing, 10-minute piece for full orchestra. Written as a tribute to a jazz fusion band, it is itself a fusion of contrasts, with associations as diverse as Ligeti's dense string clusters, big band, jazz drum-kit - and more. Campbell's control of proportion, and his knack of feeding ideas into the texture, made diversity seem almost cogent.

## **Summer Palace Reviews**

The Ulster youth orchestra opened their concert in the Ulster hall with a commissioned piece 'Scotia' by Belfast born composer Bill Campbell. A 12minute tone poem evoking the ancient land of Scotia Major, it certainly captured the mood and feeling of a land and time in the distant past. There were passages of real beauty. There was drive and momentum in the music which drew the listener in and took one on a journey, vibrant, intoxicating, exciting and fun, indeed this listener did not want the piece to end. The young orchestra played with vigour and aplomb.