



The 'Wadi Nights' team presented an evening of entertaining music in the residence gardens in November.

The event was sponsored by AXA, BAE, bmi and Kanoo Travel and introduced the Bingham-Halsey duo to a full house of classical aficionados.

After introductions from Jan Patrick and the Ambassador, the programme commenced with a duet by Beethoven and progressed with a varied selection that lived up to expectation.

The Musicians

Stephen Bingham maintains a varied career alongside his quartet commitments. He leads various groups including "Music Projects, London" and the Oxford Festival Ensemble and has appeared as guest leader with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, London Festival Orchestra, London Soloists Chamber Orchestra and others. Stephen is artistic director of the London String Soloists. He has performed a wide range of violin concertos and gave his Royal Albert Hall concerto debut with the National Symphony Orchestra in 1995. He also plays electric violin with the jazz fusion group "Ragatal" and runs a web design business.

James Halsey combines his busy chamber music career with regular solo appearances and teaching. He has performed concerti from Haydn through to Shostakovich with orchestras across the country and plays with the Tagore String Trio. He has recently completed cycles of the six solo Bach Suites both in London and the Isle of Wight. He teaches at the Royal College of Music Junior Department and once a month he is flown to Aberdeen where he is visiting Professor of Cello at the North East Scotland Music School.

