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Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker set fists flying in China.

SCARY MOVIE 2 (18) Thur 6th: 7.00, 9.00
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The high-tech war between the species.

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Earth's last stand against the alien phantoms.

HEARTBREAKERS (15) Daily: 2.10, 5.00, 8.15
Sigourney Weaver & Jennifer Love Hewitt fleece men.

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SHREK (PG) Thur 6th: 1.30, 4.30
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Star-studded musical.

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CROUPIER (15) Daily: 7.00
A struggling author turns croupier, then criminal.

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A drag queen from East Berlin tours the US with her rock band.

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REVIEW: CONCERT

La Réjouissance
Christ Church Cathedral

Virtuoso trumpet ensemble La Réjouissance are giving five performances of Music for their Majesties, a programme of popular baroque music, on Wednesdays and Saturdays in August. There is one performance left, on Saturday 25th. Tickets can be obtained by phoning 798600. Olivia Rowland went to see last Saturday night's concert.

The trumpet often seems to be overlooked in the field of early music performance, despite the instrument's long and noble heritage, so the series of evening concerts of baroque trumpet music performed by the ensemble *La Réjouissance* at Christ Church Cathedral is a particularly rare treat.

Trumpeters Allen Handy, John King and Roger Payne manage to appeal to early music aficionados and less choosy music lovers alike, with two alternating programmes that feature both well-known and less familiar repertoire. Saturday's *Music for their Majesties* concert featured suites by Lully, Rameau and Handel, conveying much of the elegance and splendour of the seventeenth and eighteenth century courts as well as taking full advantage of the cathedral's organ,

acoustic and unique atmosphere.

Playing on modern instruments, the consort produced a strident and rousing sound that blended well with that of the organ and which seemed ideal for the performance of music composed for Louis XIV's Versailles. The programme, which also included a stirring performance of Handel's *Water Music* and an exquisitely-blended *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* arranged for trumpets and organ, was further enhanced by contrasting interludes provided by organist David Ponsford and flautist Christopher Britton.

The sheer panache of the musicians made the evening one that was impossible not to enjoy, and for those members of the audience whose seats commanded a view of the trumpeters, who performed from the organ loft, the players' visible enthusiasm was all the more infectious.

The evening was crowned by an encore performance of a recently-discovered fanfare, originally written for Prussian army trumpeters and based on melodies from *Il Soraglio*. Never performed before in England, this was a rousing finale, and one that promised further such uplifting performances from this ensemble in the future.

Olivia Rowland, 18 / 8 / 01

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FAMOUS OXFORD FIGURES

For Christmas 1864, Charles Dodgson gave Alice Liddell a handwritten story, with his own drawings, called *Alice's Adventures Underground*. The version with which most of us are familiar - *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, illustrated by Sir John Tenniel - was published a year later. The *Wonderland* title was suggested by Alice's father Dean Liddell, influential Dean of Christ Church and an eminent lexicographer.

Dodgson had hoped to use his own illustrations for the printed version, but Ruskin (who was also Alice's drawing master) told him that she showed insufficient talent to warrant spending the time to improve them. Ruskin appears in the book as 'an old conger eel that used to come once a week' to teach 'drawing, stretching and fainting in coils.'

It was agreed with Tenniel that his drawings should not resemble the real Alice, whose hair was short and dark. Photographs and a portrait by Dodgson show an intelligent, serious little girl with deep-set eyes and a heart-shaped chin, quite different from the popular image. Tenniel caricatured himself in the

White Knight.

As for the original manuscript, Alice sold it to raise death duties when she was widowed in 1928. It went to an American dealer for £15,400. Now, however, it is in the British Museum, having been presented to us in 1948 by the Americans 'as the slightest token of recognition for the fact that (you) held off Hitler while we got ready for the war.' A facsimile edition is now available, published by Michael Joseph.

There is a story (strongly disputed by Dodgson) that Queen Victoria liked Alice's *Adventures in Wonderland* so much that she wrote to ask Dodgson to send her a copy of his next book. Some afterwards she was surprised to receive the mathematician's *Treatise on Determinants*.

It is easy to imagine how much Alice would have enjoyed Dodgson's bizarre distortions of events and characters in her own world, and as the daughter of a lexicographer, she must have shared the author's delight in word play. Much of the background to the book is explained in *Alice's Adventures in Oxford* by Mavis Batey (Pitkin Pictorials).

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