



CAROLINE PHILLIPS MANAGEMENT

STEPHEN VARCOE

Press

*... **Stephen Varcoe**: magnificent in the solo cantata *Der Friede sei mit dir*, and treasureable, too, in the aria from *BWV42*.*

International Record Review, July/August 2007

***Stephen Varcoe** makes a splendid impact in his aria in *BWC145**

International Record Review, March 2007

*By far the best of them is the superb baritone **Stephen Varcoe**, whose refined rendition of *Mirages* is worth the price of the CD on its own.*

The Times, 29th January 2005

*...**Varcoe's** clear, firm diction and subtle phrasing and pointing of words...There were stunning changes of register from **Varcoe**...*

Birmingham Post June 2004

...Charismatic delivery, impeccably clear diction and warm-toned voice absolutely entrance his listeners leaving them hanging onto every note...

The Cambridge Student February 2004

...a highly-motivated Pilate and bass soloist...

Gramophone September 2003

*... the quite superb **Stephen Varcoe** ...*

Classic CD

*... I can only salute with deepest admiration **Stephen Varcoe's** sterling baritone, so utterly sympathetic to Stanford's every note, so undemonstratively secure, so responsive to word and musical line ...*

International Record Review

***Stephen Varcoe** ... one of our most sensitive and thoughtful interpreters of song.*

Daily Telegraph

***Stephen Varcoe** deploys his mellow baritone with uncommon sensitivity to the meaning of the text ...*

Gramophone

*No praise can be too high for **Stephen Varcoe** ... his warm, natural baritone, finely judged legato and sensitivity to words are a joy throughout ...*

International Record Review

the songs of Gerald Finzi, Vaughan Williams, George Butterworth, Gurney, Ernest Farrar.

*The baritone **Stephen Varcoe** is unsurpassed in the repertoire.*

Terry Castle, London Review of Books

***Stephen Varcoe** ... is a refreshingly unaffected interpreter, who sings with grace and feeling.*

Gramophone

*Baritone **Stephen Varcoe** sang Salieri with guilty passion ... his long soliloquy was beautifully enunciated ...*

The Times

***Stephen Varcoe** ... excels in moments of contemplation and soul-searching restraint ...*

Yorkshire Post