

Promising show by orchestra

The City of Burnside Symphony Orchestra, directed by John Black, gave a promising account of itself in its concert in Burnside Town Hall last night.

Theirs is a splendid effort to build amateur music-making into something of real worth.

There was a great deal of successful work in both the Mozart B Flat (No. 33) and the Schumann No. 4 symphonies.

The orchestra has its weaknesses. Some sections are capable of vastly superior playing to others, but the numerical strength of 40 players of varying

degrees of experience is an encouraging feature which, to a great extent, offsets any stringent criticism at this stage.

Janice Hearne's arias showed once more how strongly her gifts are developing. At times her glorious quality became lost in the over-exuberance of some sections of the orchestra. But, even so, she attained some effective climaxes. — Nadra Penahurick.