

ASEM2 Concert



Vanessa Mae playing in Buckingham Palace

On Friday 3 April 1998 the first rock concert to be filmed by BCA at Buckingham Palace was staged for the second Asia-Europe Summit Meeting . It starred Vanessa Mae with support from students at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts, and was attended by Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family. Also attending were the heads of the ASEM2 delegations from Austria, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Spain,

Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and the European Commission. The concert featured acts as diverse as classical violin chamber music, a number from a West End musical and an original pop song. Although headlined by Vanessa Mae, a previously unknown pop group, Camp Houston, fronted by Julie Thompson on vocals stole the show and many front pages in the papers with their tongue-in-cheek song, "Damon".

Our five remote controlled camera's ensured full coverage of the concert without necessitating manned units in front of the stage. A policy of discretion in film making which has won us much support and regard over the years. This is particularly apt when filming an event such as this which has not been designed for the camera but as a live event.



Julie Thompson

Short excerpts from the concert can be seen on the official Buckingham Palace Tour Video available from The Visitor Office, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA. It costs £12.50 inc. p/p and is also available on NTSC (Please contact the Visitors Office for these details).

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