

RECENT TOURING REVIEWS

European Tours in 2014 & 2015 | Tanglewood & BBC Proms debuts, 2015 Monteverdi Vespers national tour 2014

"Best 5 Classical Music Concerts of 2014" – THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, London

"Superlative music-making. Jeannette Sorrell put together an ingenious programme... combining European stylishness with 'can-do' American entrepreneurism. Agile grace and unforced lyrical energy..." - DAILY TELEGRAPH, London, 2014

"Apollo's Fire under the direction of Sorrell has put Cleveland firmly on the periodperformance map." - THE NEW YORKER, 2015

"Baroque orchestra conquers Tanglewood... Only a few minutes into the concert, one realized that this was going to be no typical Baroque sewing-machine outing... Sorrell and her group demonstrated... expressive musical response, drive and color. The dramatic cadenza [of Brandenburg Concerto no. 5] of astonishing virtuosity... was indeed hair-raising and brilliantly played. The encore truly brought the house down."

- BOSTON MUSICAL INTELLIGENCER (Tanglewood debut, 2015)

"Their programme of mostly Baroque music flickered and danced, distinguished by cultivated string tone and buoyancy of rhythm." - FINANCIAL TIMES, London (BBC Proms debut, 2015)

"Building sound, almost instrument by instrument, Sorrell exposed to us clearly the workings of this lovely piece. I can't imagine a more superbly judged and also fresh experience of the composer. The slow second movement – unshowy but heavenly – almost brought tears to the eyes with its sigh and swell." - DAILY TELEGRAPH, London (BBC Proms debut, 2015)

"The **robust and wonderfully vivacious** account... was a voluptuous and **hugely gripping** approach to Monteverdi's masterpiece [the Vespers of 1610]. A vast and inviting feast, ranging from exuberant choral explosions to intimate expressions of the amorous. Sorrell and her forces delivered it with **superb energy and clarity** to put the cap on a wholly exhilarating evening." - SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

"Apollo's Fire brought a type of American bohemian chic which was a refreshing change from the more staid, often po-faced, British baroque bands. Led by exuberant, flame-haired Jeannette Sorrell, they were flamboyant and fun. And boy, they can play, too." - BIRMINGHAM POST, UK, 2014