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JOHN WARNABY (b. 1941) lives in Port Talbot. He studied music at the Open University, and is now engaged in a study of Peter Maxwell Davies's music of the past ten years, particularly in its relationship to the writings of George Mackay Brown.

NANCY USCHER is co-principal violist of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra. Currently on a sabbatical year, she recently guested as principal viola of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. She has performed as a soloist throughout Europe and the USA, and recently gave a recital in Cairo.

MICHAEL HALL works for Thames & Hudson and is a devoted opera-goer; he is also the author of guide-books to *Cambridge* (1980), *Oxford* (1981), *Stratford upon Avon and the Cotswolds* (1982) and is currently writing one for *The City of London*; all are published by Pevensey Press.

HANS KELLER is completing a book on the great string quartets of Haydn.

MARTIN ANDERSON is Assistant Editor of the *Journal of Economic Affairs* and a member of the BBC Central Music Advisory Committee.

HOWARD SKEMPTON is writing an unaccompanied choral piece for Suoraan for performance in the New MacNaghten Concerts.

DOUGLAS YOUNG's latest work is *Sculptural Object* for two quarter-tone pianos, premièred in November at the Huddersfield Festival.

DAVID MATTHEWS has just finished a piano trio for the Trio Zingara, and is writing a piece for the Nash Ensemble.

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