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CONCERT ON THAMES

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A new evening attraction for London took the form of music afloat. The American Wind Syphony Orchestra, established ~~four~~ years ago, were making their first appearance in Europe. Their opening concert was given on the part of the River facing the Festival Gardens.

An encouragingly large audiense essembled to welcome the enterprise, waiting now~~as~~ the musicians were taken out to their floating concert platform. It's a 120 foot barge, specially built for them at Dartford. On it, the orchestra will perform at several places, from Greenwich up to Oxford.

Not far away, in the old Vauxhall Gardens, Handel's Firework Music was first played - in 1748. Appropriately it was the high spot of the present concert.