



Newsletter Servais Society n° 55-56 - October 2019

22 NOVEMBER: 25th SERVAIS CONCERT

The University Symphonic Orchestra of the Catholic University of Louvain has built a strong reputation. Together with cellist Didier Poskin it will perform Servais' cello concerto in b minor. For the first time since 1957 people in Halle can hear and enjoy this sublime concerto. Also the 'Ode à Claude Debussy' by Frits Celis and the Symphony no.2 by Alexandr Borodin are part of the program.



Servaisconcert 25

Universitair Symfonisch Orkest KULeuven
o.l.v. Edmond Saveniers
Didier Poskin, cello

22.11.2019
20 uur

CC 't Vondel Halle
Possozplein 40, 1500 Halle
Tickets : www.vondel.be



SERVAIS IN PARIS

The University Symphonic Orchestra of the Catholic University of Louvain will not only perform the Servais concerto in Halle on 22 November but played it already in other places. They gave three concerts in Paris: on 29 October at the Fondation Biermans-Lapôtre, on 30 October in de Faculté des Sciences de Sorbonne Université and on 31 October in the Eglise Saint-Christophe de Javel.

On 7 and 8 November the USO will play the Halle program in its home town Louvain.



Didier Poskin and USO in Paris, 29 October 2019

IN MEMORIAM ANNER BIJLSMA 1934-2019

On 25 July 2019 Anner Bijlsma, icon among the Dutch cellists, deceased in Amsterdam. The 85th years old cellist could look back upon a rich career of more than sixty years.

Anner Bijlsma was strongly committed to the less known cello repertoire by among others Francomme, Dotzauer and Servais. Already around 1970 he recorded Servais' *Souvenir de Spa*, followed later on by a complete cd with work by Servais. Bijlsma played the 'Servais Strad' at 8 cd recordings between 1986 and 1995. Playing Servais' cello had been a special experience for him.

From the start of the Servais Society Anner Bijlsma was an enthusiastic supporter. He was guest of honour on Servais' bicentenary birthday on 6 June 2007 in Halle. Later he regularly visited the Servais stand at the occasion of the cello biennale in Amsterdam. In 2009 he became honorary member of the Servais Society.



Reread the interview with Anner Bijlsma by Peter François in the Newsletter of the Servais Society March 2008.



Peter François and Anner Bijlsma at the Servais Statue in Halle, 6 June 2007

BRONZE MEDAL FOR PODCAST ON MISIA

The podcast on Misia by **Katharina Smets** and **Revue Blanche** won a bronze medal at the prestigious Prix Europa. Congratulations! In this podcast the musicians are looking for traces of Servais granddaughter Misia in **Den AST** and **Villa Servais**.

The podcast can be re-listened on the **Klara website**.

The musical performance 'Misia' was played successfully in a number of locations in spring 2019, among other places in Halle on 1 June. The performance will be put on again on 24 January (Duffel), 7 February (Sint-Pieters-Leeuw), 8 March (Kortrijk), 12 March (Wetteren) and 27 May 2020 (Ostend).

NEW CD: PASSACAGLIA

In Japan the cd 'Passacaglia' came out. Among other works violinist Ryo Mikami and cellist Rintaro Kaneko chose the 'Variations brillantes et concertantes sur l'air 'God Save the King' by Servais and Joseph Ghys for this recording. The cd also contains pieces by Händel, Bach, Piazzola, Rossini and Mozart.

Octavia Records/EXTON, 2018



LOOKING BACK: CONCERT OF 8 SEPTEMBER

At the occasion of the Open Monuments Day on 8 September in Halle Servais was in the picture. People could pay a visit to the Villa Servais and watch the film 'Life in Villa Servais' in the city museum.

The Servais concert in the Servais Academy rounded off the day festively. Han Bin Yoon, Sébastien Walnier, Pierre Fontenelle and Antoine Wargnies performed pieces by Mozart, Bréval and Servais. A delightful first cooperation with the Belgium Cello Society.



Pierre Fontenelle and Antoine Wargnies perform *Souvenir de Spa* by François Servais.



Sébastien Walnier and Han Bin Yoon perform the *Sonata n° 6 in C major* by Luigi Boccherini

AGENDA

7-8.11.2019 - Concerts USO in Louvain

[More info](#)

22.11.2019 - 25th Servais Concert - Halle

The University Symphonic Orchestra of the Catholic University of Louvain will perform Servais' cello concerto and other jewels from the symphonic repertoire.

5.12.2020 - Duo ForteCello in Beringen

The Duo ForteCello will perform, among other works, Servais' Fantaisie sur deux airs russes at a concert organized by the Chopin Society. [More info](#).

26.01.2020 - Recital Constantin Macherel & Sonoro Quartet

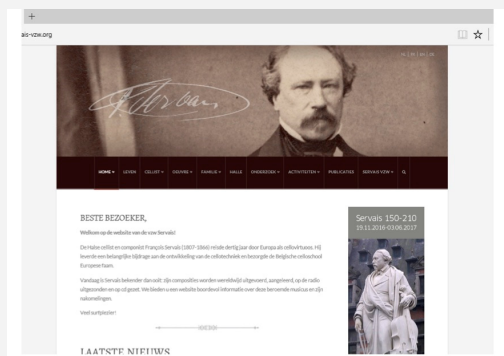
Constantin Macherel and the Sonoro Quartet will bring works by Boccherini, Franchomme and Servais in the Servais Academy. [More info](#).

29.02.2020 - Recital Benjamin Glorieux

Benjamin Glorieux and the string sextet Les Mélomanes will perform pieces of Van Beethoven and Servais in the Concertgebouw of Brugge. [More info](#)

16-19.04.2020 - 'Four days with Servais'

The Tansman Cello Quartet and Ann Van Hecke will give a four days training in Halle during the fourth edition of 'Four days with Servais'. [More info](#).



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