



Newsletter Servais Society n° 57-58 - January 2020

SUCCESSFUL 25th SERVAIS CONCERT

The Servais concerts celebrated their silver jubilee. On 22 November 2019 the 25th edition took place. The first one was organized in November 2006 by the Servais Society and the Cultural centre 't Vondel: a classical concert with musicians from (inter)national level, who perform at least one composition by François Servais, the cellist from Halle. The formule has been successful over the last thirteen years.



For the first time a symphonic orchestra was engaged: the Symphonic Orchestra of the Catholic University of Louvain, with 65 young musicians directed by Edmond Saveniers. The concert opened with 'a tribute to Claude Debussy' by the 90 years old Flemish composer Frits Celis, followed by Servais' cello concerto in b minor. That piece was brilliantly performed by the orchestra and Didier Poskin as a soloist. Poskin surprised the audience with an extra composition by Servais: La Romanesca, played on a cello with gut strings, like in Servais' time.

The second part of the concert was dedicated to the second Symphony by Aleksandr Borodin and after a resounding applause, the orchestra ended with Ouverture to Candide by Leonard Bernstein.

CULTURE DEVIL FOR SERVAIS SOCIETY

On 26th October 2019 the Servais Society received the Culture Devil, a trophy for cultural merit rewarded by the Halle Culture Council every two years on behalf of the more than hundred socio-cultural organisations of the city. It is a bronze sculpture by artist Luc Van Ruysevelt. The Servais Society has been working for sixteen years to promote Servais' life and work. Already in 2007 Peter François, president of the Servais Society, received the same prize thanks to his contribution to the Festival Servais 2007.



CHAMPAGNE FOR VILLA SERVAIS

For the fourth time in a row the Villa Servais releases a special champagne for the benefit of the restoration. More information on www.villaservais.be

A collage of images. On the left, a grid of various paintings and illustrations, including figures and architectural elements. In the center, a bottle of champagne with a label that reads 'NIEUWE ACTIE 2020' and 'ZATERDAG 14 DECEMBER'. To the right, a poster for Villa Servais featuring a lion sculpture and the text 'DE VOORBEREIDING VAN DE RESTAURATIE'. The website address 'WWW.VILLASERVAIS.BE' is visible at the bottom.

NEW CD: VIRTUOSO MUSIC FOR CELLO

Together with the London Mozart Players, the Belgian-Swiss cellist Constantin Macherel put some beautiful works for cello and strings on cd:

- Auguste Franck - Variations sur deux thèmes (russe et écossais), opus 6
- **François Servais - Souvenir de Spa, opus 2**
- Luigi Boccherini - cello concerto in D Major, G. 479
- Gioacchino Rossini - Une larme, Thème et variations
- Auguste Franck - Chant d' Adieux, opus 9



'Virtuoso Music for Cello', Claves, 2019.

The cd is for sale at the Servais Society for 15 euros (+ postage costs: 4 euros (8 euros Europe)).

Order by [email](#).

Constantin Macherel will present his CD with a concert in Halle on 26 January, together with the Sonoro Quartet.

ZON | SUN **26.01.2020**

Servaisacademie Halle – 16.00

Constantin Macherel
cello

& Sonoro Quartet

Mona Verhas
Jeroen de Beer
Kaet Schraepen
Paul Heyman

Boccherini
Franchomme
Servais

€ 10 (of met cd: € 20)

info en reserveren: www.servais-vzw.org

constantinmacherel.com

16-19 APRIL 2020: MASTERCLASSES & CONCERTS

Between 16 and 19 April 2020 the Tansman Cello Quartet - Marinela Doko, Fernando Lima, Didier Poskin and Karel Steylaerts - will be staying in Halle. They will conduct master classes at the "Servaisacademie" for four successive days, together with Ann Van Hecke.

Whether you find yourself at the beginning of your cello career, or you are still a student or just an enthusiastic amateur, the Tansman Cello Quartet musicians are inviting you for a unique experience.

[More info](#)

4^e Cellovierdaagse met Servais



16-19.04.2020 – Halle



22-23 MAY 2020: CELLO COMPETITION SINT-PIETERS-WOLUWE

Semi-finals: May 22. Finals: May 23.

The Servais Society will award two prizes:

- one prize of 250 euros for the best performance in Category C of one of the 6 Etudes and La Romanesca by Servais
- one prize of a value of 500 euros (concert in Halle) for the best performance in Category D of the Fantaisie sur Le Désir, opus 4 by Servais

More information: www.academiewsp.wordpress.com

Organization: Music academy Sint-Pieters-Woluwe, with cooperation of Fondation Feldbusch and Servais Society

Concours de Violoncelle de Woluwe-Saint-Pierre

Prix Edmond BAERT

Vendredi 22 mai 2020

Epreuve éliminatoire

Samedi 23 mai 2020

Finale

Salle Fabry

Avenue Charles Thielemans, 93
1150 Bruxelles

Entrée libre

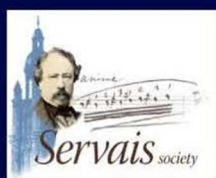
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AGENDA

12.01.2020 - LumaCamerata in Namur

LumaCamerata plays the Four Seasons by Vivaldi, *Souvenir de Spa* by Servais (soloist: Didier Poskin) and *Huit pièces* from the operas 'Ruslan & Ludmilla' and 'Ivan Susanin' by Glinka. [More info](#).

24.01.2020 - Recital Constantin Macherel & Sonoro Quartet

Constantin Macherel and the Sonoro Quartet will bring works by Boccherini, Franck and Servais in the Orpheus Institute in Ghent. [More info](#)

26.01.2020 - Recital Constantin Macherel & Sonoro Quartet

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

04.02.2020 - Pierre Fontenelle in Louvain-la-Neuve

Pierre Fontenelle and Antoine Wargnies will play Servais, Messiaen, Williams, Fauré and Gershwin.

[More info](#).

19.03.2020 - Miltiadis Cassaris in Beringen

The Greek cellist Miltiadis Cassaris will play *O Cara Memoria* by Servais, accompanied by the pianist Phoivos Philkas. [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](#).

22-23.05.2020 - Cello Competition Sint-Pieters-Woluwe

[More info](#).