



Newsletter Servais Society n° 59-60 - February- June 2020

CORONA...

We hope you are still safe and sound. Also the Servais Society had to make an abrupt end to its activities due to the Corona crisis. The 'Four days' with Servais and the Cello competition had to be postponed until next year.

We made use of the quiet months to further put in order the archives and documentation of the Servais Society. After 17 years of activities it contains many stretching meters of paper. Also the website has been updated.



SERVAIS 6-6-1807 - 6-6-2020

On 6 June 2020 Servais can blow out 213 candles. For once we cannot celebrate that anniversary by a concert of some other activity, but by sending this newsletter on 6 June, the Servais friends will be virtually united world-wide.

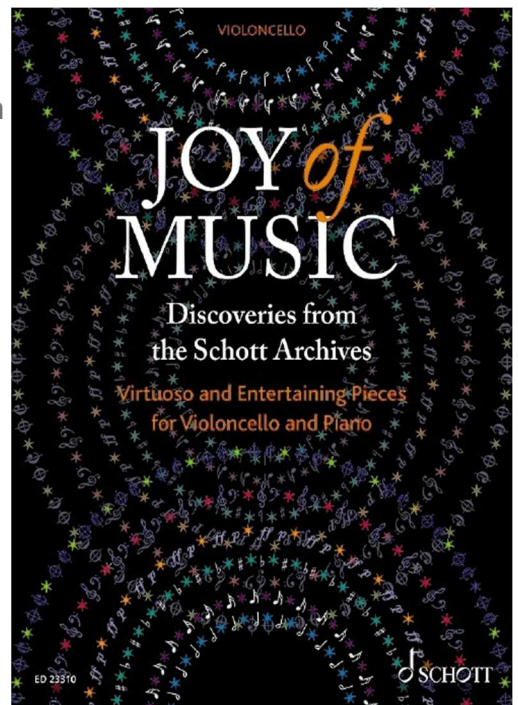


SCHOTT 250 YEARS

In 2020 Schott Music exists for 250 years! Schott has been publishing Servais' compositions since 1838, that means for 182 years. At the occasion of the jubilee the collection 'Joy of Music' appeared, containing among other pieces Servais' Fantaisie on Tannhauser by Richard Wagner, which was published for the first time by Schott in 1861.

The collection further contains work by Sebastian Lee, Auguste Franchomme, Jacques Offenbach, Alfredo Piatti, Georg Goltermann, Guillaume Paque, Louis Baerwolf, Jules de Swert, Ethel Harraden, Daniël van Goens, Hugo Becker, Ethel Barns and Arnold Trowell.

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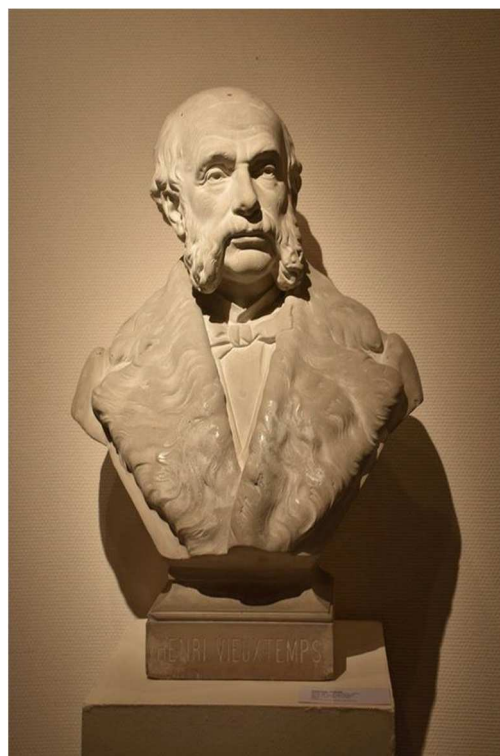


200 YEARS VIEUXTEMPS

On 17 February 2020 exactly 200 years have passed since the violinist Henry Vieuxtemps was born in Verviers. Vieuxtemps and Servais were friends for more than thirty years and regularly performed together. They also composed a duo for violin and cello on themes of Les Huguenots. Also with Joseph Servais Vieuxtemps had a close tie. He also visited Halle at many occasions.

Vieuxtemps' 200ed birthday is being celebrated all over the world, also stimulated by the Association Henry Vieuxtemps. In Verviers there was an exposition in the Musée des Beaux-Arts et de la Céramique and the finals of the Prix Henry Vieuxtemps. Later this year and next year other activities are being planned and also new cd recordings will be issued.

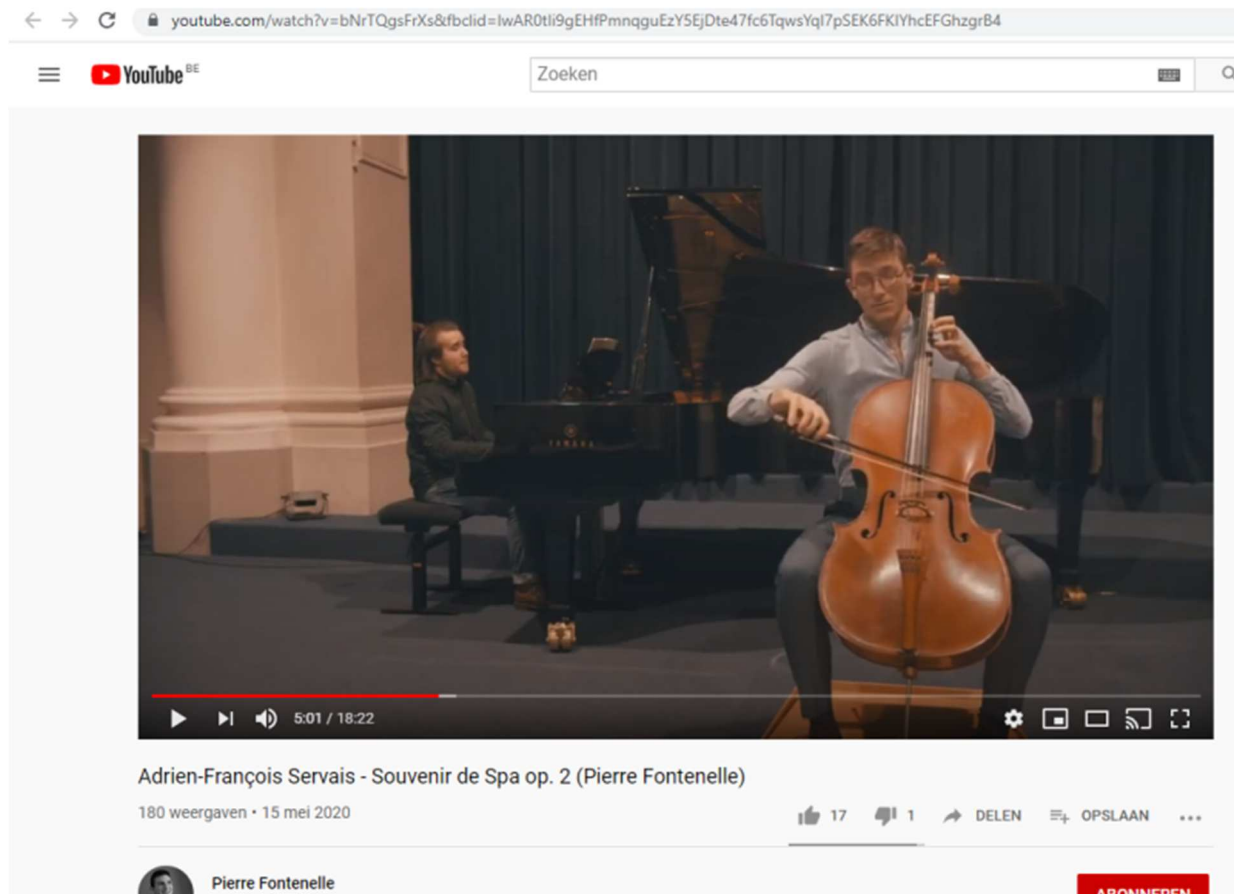
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Peter François with Agnes Briolle Vieuxtemps, great-great-granddaughter of Henry Vieuxtemps and president of the Association Henry Vieuxtemps, during the distribution of the Henry Vieuxtemps Award in the Conservatory of Verviers

PIERRE FONTENELLE PLAYS SOUVENIR DE SPA

Pierre Fontenelle has played Servais' Souvenir de Spa at several concerts. As a result of that experience he made a video recording. You can see it on [Youtube](#).



RESTORATION VILLA SERVAIS

After a compulsory Corona stop between 15 March and the end of April the restoration of the Villa Servais is being continued. Most of the walls that were built after 1898 and 1947 have been taken away. The whole basement has been dug out, all the interior cabinetwork has been brought to a carpenter workshop and all the plasterwork has been removed.



Also the annex at the east wing has been demolished.

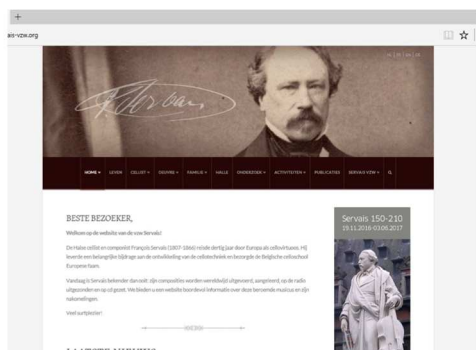
AGENDA

14-17.04.2021 - 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.](#)

14-15.05.2021 - Cello Competition Sint-Pieters-Woluwe

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