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9-17 JUNE: 'LIFE IN THE SERVAIS VILLA'

The major restoration works at the Villa of Servais will start in the summer of 2018. In June you will have the last opportunity to visit the Villa before the restoration. The documentary by Jan Boon about the 'Life in Villa Servais' will be presented.

In the meantime 32 testimonies from people who had been living or teaching, or had followed lessons in the Servais villa have been registered.

The Villa can be visited on 9, 10, 16 and 17 June, from 2 till 6 PM.

You can already order the DVD!





CELLO COMPETITION SINT-PIETERS-WOLUWE: SERVAIS PRICE GOES TO SPANISH CELLIST ALEX OLMEDO DUYNSLAEGER

After sixteen editions the cello competition of Sint-Pieters-Woluwe has built up a strong international reputation. The new edition attracted candidates from Belgium, Germany, France,

The Netherlands and Spain. The semi finals took place on 11 May, followed by the finals the second day.

Edmond Baert, former teacher of the Brussels Conservatory and honorary member of the Servais Society, was member of the jury for the seventeenth time. Together with the other members of the jury Caroline Descamps, Didier Poskin, Judith Ermert, Pierre Brunello and Jacques Vanherenthals, he could proclaim the 20 year old Arthur Daems as winner of the Price Edmond Baert. The second and third price in the highest category 'D' went to Perrine Delporte from Lyon and Leonor Swyngedouw from Liège.

Arthur and Leonor also got the price for the best performance of the compulsory work *Mosaïque* by Eric Feldbusch, rewarded by the Eric Feldbusch Foundation.



Alex Olmedo Duynslaeger performs Servais

In category C - conservatory students between 14 and 18 years - Aline Masset and Alex Olmedo Duynslaeger put up a bright performance. The latter won the first price and also the special 'Servais price' for the best performance of François Servais' *La Romanesca* and the Etude nr. 6. Alex is 17 years old and is studying at the Conservatori Superior de Música del Liceu in Barcelona. Together with the German Nicola Pfeffer and the French Mathilde Reuzé he is the third foreigner to pinch the Servais price.

In the A and B categories (pupils from the music academies) the first price was awarded to Thomas Prechal, who in the semi finals even performed a composition by himself. Alejandra Comin Maranon got the second price. Thaïs Defoort won the first price in category B and the price for the best performance of the compulsory work *Phantasmes* by Eric Feldbusch. The cello competition once again proves that Europe has got a lot of young cello talent.

FOUR SUCCESFULL DAYS WITH ERVAIS

From 12 to 15 april 2018 the third edition of the cello training 'Four days with Servais' took place in Halle. The four cellists of the Tansman Cello Quartet trained fifteen cellists in the

Servais Academy. Once again the training had an international character, with participants from Belgium, France, Brasil and Russia.



During the opening concert on Thursday 12 april some 100 people could listen to the wonderful virtuosity of the Tansman Quartet with Marinela Doko, Fernando Lima, Didier Poskin and Karel Steylaerts. Among other pieces they performed Servais' 'La Babillarde'.



On Sunday afternoon the participants to the cello training demonstrated what they had learned during the closing concert.



Visit to the Villa Servais

CALENDAR

01.06-13.07.2018 - Presentation concerts cd Duo ForteCello

The Duo ForteCello will present its second full CD in Maison Delmas, Perpignan, on June 1. The CD contains the Fantaisie sur deux airs russes by Servais. They will perform the same program in Pompignan (June 3), in Fontaine le Comte (June 16), in Gdansk (July 22); Cracow (July 23) and Lituania (July 13).

More info

09-17.06.2018 - 'Life in Villa Servais'

Free visit to Villa Servais in Halle on 9, 10, 16 and 17 June, from 2 till 6 PM.

24-26.08.2018 - Weg van Klassiek

Festival with concerts in Bellingen, Gaasbeek and Sint-Pieters-Leeuw.

More info

18-27.10.2018 - Amsterdamse Cello Biënnale

The Servais Society will be present.

More info

19-24.11.2018 - Competition Triomphe de l'Art

For string instruments and chamber music ensembles. Cellists can choose to play a Servais piece in the first round.

More info

23.11.2018 - 22th Servais Concert

Servais Concert with Yutaka Hayashi and Yusuke Satake in the New Town hall of Halle, 8 PM.



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