



Newsletter Servais Society n° 36 - December 2016



FOUR DAYS WITH SERVAIS VERY SUCCESSFULL

On 26 November 2016 it was exactly 150 years ago that François Servais, the cellist from Halle died in his home town. The homage weekend 'Servais 1866-2016 (25 to 28 November) was a great success. The highlight of the weekend were the two homage concerts on 27 November. No less than forty cellists performed. The first homage concert in the Servais academy was played by students from the conservatories of Brussels and Namur. In the second homage concert in the Saint Martin's Basilica ten top cellists came on stage. Among them Viviane Spanoghe, Olsi Leka, Didier Poskin and Marie Hallynck. They performed works by Bach, Servais and Sollima in the presence of three of Servais' descendants.

The Homage weekend contained more activities. On 25 November the teachers of the Servais academy performed the spectacle 'Waiting for Servais'. On Saturday 26 November there was a special service of remembrance in the Saint Martin's Basilica, with the cooperation of violinist Ann Cnop and organist Frederik Van Rampelberg. Later that evening the Royal Saint Martin's Brassband went 'On journey with Servais', with the young cello talent Mikayel Grigoryan as a soloist. On Monday 28 November at last the eight cellists of La Cheville Affolée and actor Jean-Louis Danvoy performed the theatre play 'Le grand Final' by Pierre Solot, about the life of Servais, in the Brussels Conservatory.

The homage weekend was part of the festivities 'Servais 150-210' that will run until June next year. You can find the whole program on the website of the Servais Society: www.servais-vzw.org.

More photos on the [Facebook Page](#).



CHAMPAGNE FOR VILLA SERVAIS

A few preservation works have started the process of restoration of the Villa Servais. For the restoration of the Rossini medallion and the reconstruction of Meyerbeer's medallion, there is a champagne action running: if you pay 24 euro you'll have a 'Champagne Villa Servais'. The total yield goes to the medallions. A free contribution is also possible - from 15 euro you can get a Servais cd and at the same time you support the Servais Society. People who place an order before 16 December have the opportunity to pick it up on 17 December in the Villa Servais and pay a brief visit to the building.

[More info](#)



LOOKING FOR A PRESENT? THINK OF SERVAIS!

Still looking for an original end of year present? Do consider one of the cd's, books and scores the Servais Society can offer.

You can find more information on the pages '[discography](#)' and '[publications](#)' on our website. Nice for yourself or for friends and acquaintances, and at the same time you support our activities. You can order by [mail](#). We shall send you the payment data.

We wish you a nice end of year and a good beginning of 2017!

AGENDA DECEMBER-MARCH

20.11.2016-29.01.2017

Mini-expo 'The Servais Family' in den AST

In the reading room of 'den AST' a number of remarkable pieces are being exposed about the Servais family. You can see pictures, letters and records from Servais, his children, grand children and their descendants. Free visit during opening times of den AST (Wednesday to Friday 9 to 12 AM and 2 to 5 PM, Sunday from 2 to 5 PM).

Take the opportunity to also visit the Regional Museum - with some extra Servais items!

18.01.2017 - Servais' 6 Etudes

Performance of the full work Servais' 6 Etudes by students of IMEP - Namur
Namur, IMEP

28.01.2017 - Recital Viviane Spanoghe & André De Groote

With a.o. La Romanesca by Servais
Brussels, Osiris Temple

10.03.2017 - Recital

Recital Aleksandr Khramouchin (cello) & Sofja Gülbadamova (piano)
Halle, Church Breedhout

21.03.2017 - Lecture 'Servais, Paganini van de cello'

by Peter François
Halle, OL Vrouwecentrum, 7.30 PM

[More info on the Agenda on the website](#)



NEW SERVAIS WEBSITE!

Since 2005 Servais has got his own spot on the internet. After eleven years the website has been totally renewed, with more pictures, sound fragments and information. Pay a visit soon and let us know your opinion.

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