



Servais Society Newsletter

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This newsletter will provide you regularly with news about the activities of the Servais Society and the progress in the Servais 2007 project.

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The Servais web site on line



Adrien François **SERVAIS**
1807 - 1866

On 26 November 2005 our Servais association which meanwhile became the (non-profit) Servais Society, exists for two years.

We are glad to offer you a magnificent birthday present: a web site completely dedicated to Servais' life and work. Text and visual material, and a discography with numerous sound fragments, and much more...

www.servais-vzw.org will become the international signboard of the Servais Society.

We call on all associations, organizations and musicians having a proper web site to link to the Servais web site. Let us know and we can do the same to your web site. Many thanks



On 26 November 2005 the web site was officially presented during a press conference. The alderman for culture of the municipal council of Halle, Hugo Tierens, put it on line.



Royal Patronage for the Servais commemoration

His Majesty the King Albert II has granted his High Patronage to “the whole of activities that will be organized at the occasion of the bicentennial of Adrien François Servais’ birthday”. In this way the Court continues a tradition that began in 1835. In that year King Leopold I appointed Servais as solo cellist of His Majesty the King of Belgium.

The city of Halle and the Servais Society are obviously very excited by this good news.

Project Servais 2007: appeal

We invite all musicians in the whole world to schedule compositions by Servais during the Servais year 2007. A survey of Servais’ compositions is available on www.servais-vzw.org. The Servais Society will gladly help you to find scores.

All performances with one or more compositions by Servais will be included in the calendar of the celebration year. Are you planning a performance of a composition by Servais or do you know about any such performance? Please let us know via the web site.

We invite all Servais sympathizers to join the support committee. You can sign up through the form on www.servais2007.be, by letter or by telephone. You can make a donation, but do not feel compelled to do so. Your moral support means a lot to us.

Servais scores in the Royal Conservatory of Brussels

The Royal Conservatory of Brussels has got a unique collection of Servais scores, printed and in manuscript. A detailed repertory has been published recently (only in Dutch – an English version will be published later on). Conservatories and other music institutions in Belgium and The Netherlands received a copy. The publication is still available, free of charge (librarian Dr. Johan Eeckeloo: johan.eeckeloo@ehb.be).

> Peter François, *De partituren van Adrien François Servais (1807-1866) in de bibliotheek van het Koninklijk Conservatorium Brussel*, Brussel, Koninklijk Conservatorium Brussel, 2005.

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