



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

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## Newsletter

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## The Festival Servais 2007

On 26 November 2006, the Festival Servais will start. It celebrates the bicentenary of Servais' birth for a whole year.



### Official presentation of the Festival



On November 8, the *Festival Servais 2007* was presented officially to the public and the press in the Historical City Hall. In his introducing speech, mayor Dirk Pieters (*photo*) emphasized the importance of the festival for the (inter)national influence of Halle as a culture city with a rich history.

### November 26, 2006: start of the Festival Servais 2007

There will be a celebration at 10 AM in the basilica of Halle. During this celebration the Finnish cellist *Seeli Toivio* will play some intermezzos. Afterwards, there will be a ceremonial at the grave of Servais at 11.15 AM at the cemetery of Halle. Speeches will be delivered by *Peter François*, president of the Servais Society, *Dirk Pieters*, mayor of Halle and Rev. *Raymond Decoster*, dean of Halle.



At 8 PM the big opening concert begins. About twenty promising cellists appear on stage. They are all students of Viviane Spanoghe and Jeroen Reuling at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels, where Servais himself had been a student and afterwards a professor for eighteen years. On the program: light romantic music by Adrien François Servais, Anton Rubinstein, David Popper and others.

More info: [www.servais2007.be](http://www.servais2007.be)



### **National Cello Competition *Adrien François Servais***

In April 2007 there will be a National Cello Competition “Adrien François Servais”, organized by Rotary Club Ghent with the collaboration of the Servais Society.

You can find more information on [www.servais2007.be](http://www.servais2007.be) or on [www.rotarygent.org](http://www.rotarygent.org).

### **Support**

The Province Flemish Brabant (Vlaams Brabant) and the City of Halle have officially granted their support to the Festival Servais 2007. The Flemish Government had already offered its support.

### **Call to the *Support Committee* and the *Committee of Honour***

We invite all Servais sympathizers to join one of these committees. If you agree, your name will be mentioned in the program and on our web site.

Financial contributions (Support Committee) are welcome but are not necessary (Committee of Honour). Your moral support is of prime importance.

Registration is simple and can be done through the web site. You can also register by e-mail, by letter or phone.

Alternatively, you can also order a *Servais Parcel* and become automatically a member of the *Committee of Honour*.

### **Buy a Servais Parcel!**

#### *Contents:*

Tickets for the five concerts in Halle - Price reduction on other Servais activities - Book (historical study)\* - Exhibition catalogue\* - CD\* - Special print /illustration (not for sale separately) - Servais beer and glass - Servais pralines - Listing in Support Committee

\*voucher – will be published in May 2007

#### *Price:*

- with tickets for one person: € 70
- with tickets for two persons: € 105

Can be ordered through the Servais Society.

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