



## Newsletter Servais Society n° 70 - December 2022

### HAYOUNG CHOI SHONE AT 28TH SERVAIS CONCERT

The winner of the Queen Elisabeth Competition for cello 2022 was a guest at the November 27 Servais Concert. Together with Norwegian pianist Joachim Carr, she performed cello sonatas by Felix Mendelssohn and Sergei Rachmaninov, with great feeling and flawless technique. A special moment was the performance of François Servais' *Souvenir de Spa*. Hayoung Choi performed the arch-difficult piece with great fervour. Earlier in the day the musicians visited the Villa Servais, where they stayed for two nights, and were guided to Servais' statue in the Halle Grand Place.

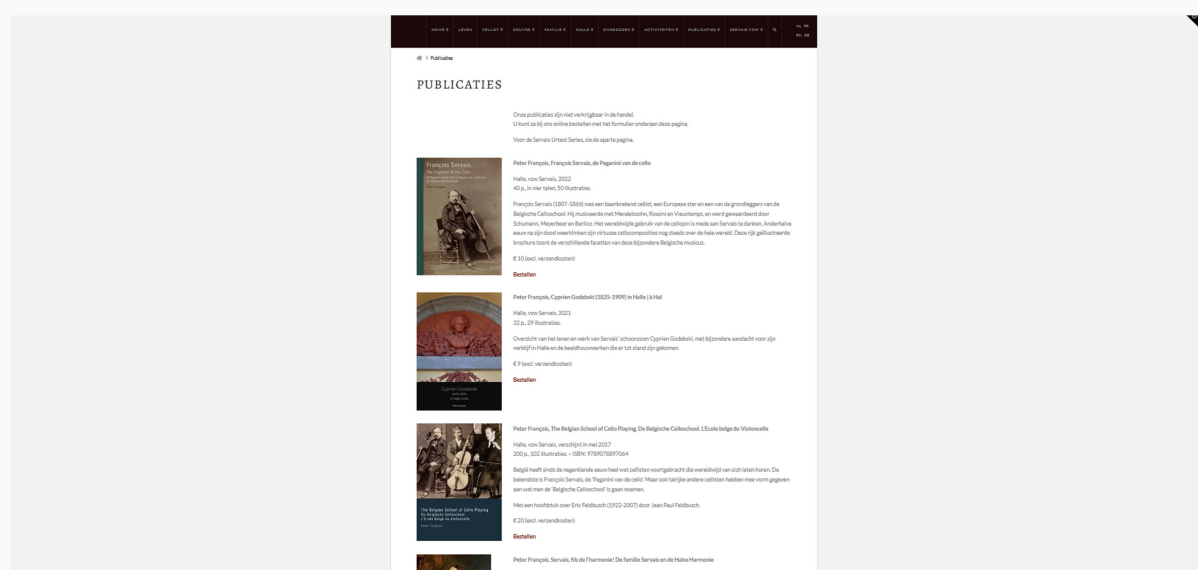
This performance was the fortieth concert organized by the Servais Society in Halle, and is a festive start to the twentieth working year.



More photos on [Instagram](#).

## GIFTS REMIND OF SERVAIS

Still looking for a gift for Saint Nicholas, Christmas, New Year or a birthday? The Servais Society has a wide assortment of CDs, publications and scores, which can be [ordered via the website](#). We also have greeting cards, cello USBs, magnets, stickers and brooches. For more info on these, please feel free to email or call. With your purchase you support the operation of our association.



## NEW: CD DUO FORTECELLO

The third CD of the duo Fortecello was recently released. Pianist Philippe Argenty and cellist Anna Mikulska perform works by Chopin, Piazzolla and Saint-Saëns. For Servais fans, the CD also includes a recording of Chopin's Nocturne opus 9 No. 2 in an arrangement by Servais. In the years 1910-1930 many recordings appeared with Servais' arrangement, but thanks to the Fortecello duo, it is finally available on CD.

Frédéric CHOPIN: Nocturne in E-Flat Major, Op. 9, No. 2 (Arr. by François Servais) - Cello Sonata in G Minor, Op. 65: I. Allegro moderato - II. Scherzo - III. Largo - IV. Allegro - Astor PIAZZOLLA: Milonga del Angel (Arr. by Dario Polonara) - Muerte del Angel (Arr. by Dario Polonara) - Resurreccion del Angel (Arr. by Dario Polonara) - Frédéric CHOPIN: Introduction and Polonaise brillante in C Major, Op. 3 - Camille SAINT-SAËNS: Danse macabre, Op. 40 (Arr. by Anna Mikulska).

To be ordered from the [Servais Society](#) for 18 euro (+ 3.50 euro postage in Belgium/+ 7 euro abroad). Those coming to the performance of duo Fortecello in Halle on June 3, 2023 will pay only 15 euros for the CD.



## CHAMPAGNE SALE VILLA SERVAIS

For the seventh time, Villa Servais is organising a champagne sale. This time, the capsule depicts a detail of an artwork by Servais' granddaughter Misia. A special Geuze 'Villa Servais' is also on sale. You can order via the [website](https://vdegallo.com); there will be a takeaway on 10 December.



## SUCCESSFUL AMSTERDAM CELLO BIENNALE

From October 20 to 29, 2022, the 9th Amsterdam Cello Biennale took place at the Muziekgebouw aan het IJ. Once again it was a high mass of the cello, and for ten days! The Servais Society was again present with an information stand in the central hall and received a lot of attention.





## VOX VERONI CONCERT IN VILLA SERVAIS

On November 23, 24 and 25, 2022, the Lembeek choir Vox Veroni gave a concert at Villa Servais dedicated to Servais and his musical friends. Among other works, the choir performed Servais' La Romanesca in a choral arrangement by conductor Anja Dierickx. The three evenings were quickly filled to capacity.



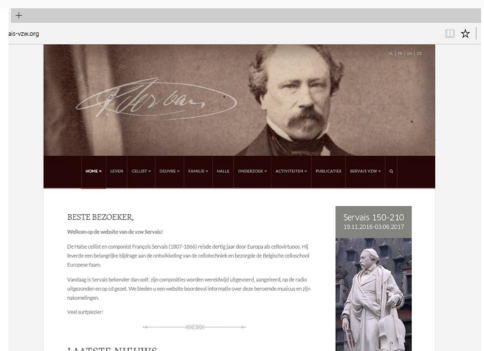
## AGENDA

10.12.2022 - Champagne sale Villa Servais

Champagne sale Villa Servais between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., anyone ordering champagne or gueuze can drop by Villa Servais. [More info.](#)

## 03.06.2023 - 29th Servais Concert

With the duo Fortecello - Anna Mikulska, cello & Philippe Argenty, piano, in the Halle New Town Hall. [More info.](#)



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