



## Newsletter Servais Society n° 72 - September 2023

### COMING UP: 30th SERVAIS CONCERT '20 YEARS SERVAIS SOCIETY' (26 NOV.)

The University Symphony Orchestra of KU Leuven can shine in Halle with Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony and Beethoven's Fidelio.

But the highlight will be the performance of Servais' Fantasy on themes by Schubert, with Benjamin Glorieux as soloist. Order tickets now to be sure of a seat!



Servaisconcert 30

Universitair Symfonisch Orkest KU Leuven  
o.l.v. Edmond Saveniers  
Benjamin Glorieux, cello

**20 jaar**  
vzw Servais

**26.11.2023**  
**19.30 uur**

CC 't Vondel Halle  
Possozplein 40, 1500 Halle  
Tickets : [www.vondel.be](http://www.vondel.be)

Sunday, November 26, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

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€ 20 per person (Servais Society members: € 17)

Booking via [www.vondel.be](http://www.vondel.be) - 02 365 98 27

## NEW EDITIONS IN THE SERVAIS URTEXT SERIES

In 2021 the Servais Society together with Yuriy Leonovich Editions started a series of editions of Servais' compositions, based on the earliest printed editions and manuscripts. Each edition includes a well-researched introduction, providing a better understanding of the work and its genesis. No fewer than 16 new editions have appeared in recent months:

- Caprice sur Le Comte Ory, opus 3 (cello & piano; 2 cellos)
- Souvenir de la Suisse, opus 10 (cello & piano)
- Morceau de Concert, opus 14 (cello & piano)
- O Cara Memoria, opus 17 (cello & piano)
- Concerto Militaire, opus 18 (cello & piano)
- Grand Duo sur Les Huguenots (Servais & Vieuxtemps) (cello & violin)
- Quatre Morceaux de Salon (cello & piano)
- Deux Mazurkas de Chopin (cello & piano)
- Souvenir d'Anvers (cello & piano) **edition from manuscript!**
- Fantaisie-Caprice pour deux violoncelles (2 cellos) **edition from manuscript!**
- Fantasia sur La Folle (cello & piano; cello & quintet) **edition from manuscript!**
- Fantaisie La Romantique (cello & piano; cello & quintet) **edition from manuscript!**
- Fantaisie sur La Muette de Portici (cello & piano) **edition from manuscript!**

The last four compositions have never been published before, making them finally performable some 190 years after their creation. They are definitely worth discovering.

**More info and ordering**



## CELLO MASTERCLASSES SERVAIS 2024: REGISTER NOW!

From April 11 to 14, 2024, members of the Tansman Cello Quartet and Ann Van Hecke will once again come to Halle for a cello masterclass.

Are you at the beginning of your career, still studying or an enthusiastic amateur? Come to Halle for a unique experience!

[More info and registration](#)



Final concert Cello Four Days April 16, 2022

## LOOKING BACK:SERVAIS CONCERT WITH DUO FORTECELLO

The Duo Fortecello shone on June 3, 2023, at the 29th Servais Concert in the Council Chamber of the New Town Hall in Halle. The Polish cellist Anna Mikulska and the French-Spanish pianist Philippe Argenty have been traveling around Europe for ten years and regularly play the *Fantaisie sur deux airs russes* by the Halle cellist François Servais. So that work could not be missing from the program. The cellist had to perform breakneck tricks to get all Servais' notes out of her instrument. The role of her duo partner was less challenging. That was different in Servais' duo on Verdi's opera *La Traviata*: in that piece the pianist also had a starring role. The *Nocturne opus 9 No. 2* by Frederic Chopin, in an arrangement for cello and piano by Servais, remains a gem. Servais garnered success with it for years, even decades after his death, and now the people of Halle know why once again. Also played was the *Polonaise brillante* by Chopin, an unjustly forgotten youthful work by the Polish composer. Another discovery for many was the *Sonata in la minor* by Spanish cellist Gaspar Cassadó. Rarely heard, but cleverly composed and a delight to the ear. The same goes for the *Variations sur un thème slovaque* by Slovak Bohuslav Martinů and the *Tryptique de l'Ange* by Argentine tango composer Astor Piazzolla. The musicians gave brightly flavored explanations for each piece.



They had long looked forward to this performance in Servais' hometown.



## AGENDA

### **01.10.2023 - Decoration of the little 'Vaantjesboer'**

During the second Halle giant procession the statue of the Little 'Vaantjesboer' (statue of a seller of pilgrimage banners) on the Beestenmarkt will be dressed up as Servais around 3:30 p.m. on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Servais Society. Everyone is warmly welcome.

### **26.11.2023 - 30th Servais Concert**

Performance by the University Symphonic Orchestra of KU Leuven conducted by Edmond Saveniers. Soloist: Benjamin Glorieux. In cc 't Vondel, 7:30 p.m.

### **11-14.04.2024 - Fifth 'Four days with Servais'**

Cello masterclasses with the Tansman Quartet and Ann Van Hecke. 31st Servais concert on April 11 and closing concert on April 14.

### **18.05-09.06.2024 - Expo 'François Servais, the Paganini of the Cello'**

At the Old Post Office in Halle.