



Newsletter Orgelfestival Holland 2011

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**A year until Orgelfestival Holland 2011, the countdown has begun...
The festival will take place between the 17th and the 26th of June, 2011.**

Orgelfestival Holland 2011 will celebrate the 500th birthday of the Van Covelens organ, built in 1511 and today the oldest playable organ in the Netherlands.

The festival will host the Ninth International Schnitger Organ Competition, which, in 2011, will take the form of the first 'Grand Prix d'ECHO'. The first prize winner will be crowned 'ECHO Young Organist of the Year', and will be invited to perform at the various organ festivals hosted by the ECHO member cities.

The following organists have already qualified to take part in the 'Grand Prix d'ECHO':

The 3 finalists from the Alkmaar competition held in 2009: Bart Jacobs, Michael Unger and David Boos

The 5 finalists from the Freiberg competition held in 2009: Gilles Leyers, David Schlaffke, Gijs Boelen, Charlotte Marck and Magdalena Hasibeder.

The 4 finalists of the Innsbruck competition will be determined on the 9th of September, 2010.

In addition to the competition, the International Organ Academy will also take place for the eleventh time. An un-missable opportunity for organists to gain unique hands-on experience studying on some of Europe's most important historic organs, the academy, which is open to professional and amateur organists, as well as students, will focus on repertoire suitable for the instruments under the leadership of international specialists. The masterclasses and workshops will take place in the Grote Sint Laurenskerk, utilising both of the world-famous organs; the Van Covelens organ dating 1511 and the Van Hagerbeer/Schnitger organ dating from 1646/1725. The academy will also visit the beautiful Müller organs of the Lutheran Church (1755) and the Kapelkerk (1755), both in Alkmaar, as well as the Grote Kerk in Beverwijk (1756). Further organs to be visited will include those at Oosthuizen (ca 1521), the Zuiderkerk in Enkhuizen (pipework dating from the 16th century until 1799) and the Lutheran Church in Hoorn (1773).

The faculty of the international organ academy will consist of the following renowned organists:

- **Jean Ferrard**, Royal Conservatory, Brussels
- **Karin Nelson**, Gothenburg
- **Maurizio Croci**, “Haute Ecole de Musique”, Lausanne/Fribourg
- **Jan Willem Jansen**, Toulouse Conservatory
- **Reinhard Jaud**, Innsbruck Conservatory
- **Joao Vaz**, Universities of Evora and Lisbon,
- **Roberto Antonello**, “Pedrollo” Conservatory, Vicenza/Treviso
- **Per Fidtjov Bonsaken**, Trondheim
- **Dietrich Wagler**, Church Music Conservatory, Dresden/Freiberg
- **Frank van Wijk**, Kapelkerk, Alkmaar
- **Pieter van Dijk**, Conservatories of Hamburg and Amsterdam

The eleventh organ academy will be held between the 17th and the 26th of June, 2011, and will consist of masterclasses, workshops, lectures and excursions. Both active and non-active participation is possible.

Registration for the Academy during “Orgelfestival Holland 2011” will take place between 1 November 2010 and 15 May 2011. An online registration form will be available on the festival’s website. The registration fee can be paid via the free and secure Paypal system.

The Programme of Orgelfestival Holland 2011 is now confirmed and will be as follows (subject to alteration):

Saturday 18 June

First round of the Internnatioanl Schnitger Organ Competition, ‘Grand Prix d’ECHO’

Opening Concert

Baroque Orchestra of the Scuole Civiche of Milan, programme to include the Concerto for Four Harpsichords BWV 1056 (Antonio Vivaldi/J.S. Bach)

Sunday 19 June

Lunchtime Concert: Frank van Wijk and Pieter van Dijk

Evening Concert: Jan Willem Jansen, Jean Ferrard and Reinhard Jaud

Monday 20 June

Jury Concert I

Grote Sint Laurenskerk: Roberto Antonello and Karin Nelson

Tuesday 21 June

Kapelkerk: Semi-final of the International Schnitger Organ Competition ‘Grand Prix d’ECHO’

Wednesday 22 June

13.30 Children’s Concert I:

S. Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf

Jury Concert II

Per Bonsaken, JoaoVaz and Dietrich Wagler

Thursday 23 June

Children's Concert II

Pupils from Artiance (Alkmaar Centre for the Arts)
in collaboration with Wijnand van Klaveren, organ

Friday 24 June

Final of the International Schnitger Organ Competition 'Grand Prix d'ECHO'

Saturday 25 June

Organ Excursion in the province of North Holland

Evening concert: Canterbury Cathedral Choir and Pieter van Dijk, organ

Sunday 26 June

12.00 Lunchtime concert by the participants of the organ academy

Evening Concert: 'The European Organ Union' Each of the jury members performs music from their own country.

Online Ticket Sales

In order to guarantee your seats for the events during Orgelfestival Holland 2011, we are offering you the chance to book in advance from our website. The tickets for the most important events will be available to buy between the 1st of April and the 10th of June, 2011. For the full list of events, please see www.alkmaarorgelstad.nl

Tickets for events not listed are exclusively available from the venue, 45 minutes prior to the start of the event. Please note that this applies also to concessionary tickets. From 10 June, 2011, tickets will also be available from the Alkmaar Tourist Office.

Hotel Accommodation in Alkmaar.

Alkmaar, and the surrounding spa towns have many hotels, bed and breakfasts and youth hostels. Click on the following websites:

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For the latest news:

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