

July 18-21 2008

International Carillon Festival Lommel

Friday July 18: Opening Carillon Festival

Location: Parc of the Maire house in front of Saint-Petersbanden Church

20u Opening festival and welcome speech

20.15u **3 Carillonneurs**

Three young talents show their artistry on the carillon

Tiffany Ng (USA), Kasia Piastowska (Poland) en Jasper Stam (Netherlands)

Saturday July 19: Carillon in expansion

Location: Raadhuis (forum & lunch) ; Parc of the Maire house (concerts, reception)

In the 21st century the carillon looks totally different comparing to one century ago. Carillon festivals are blooming everywhere and summer concert series and weekly recitals are commonplace. The carillon has been introduced in the music schools, and possibilities to study the carillon on academic level has become real. Thus the carillon is getting more known and plays an important role in the cultural life of old and new cities.

The carillon performs in all sort of combinations, and to fulfil this great demand carillons are being made to fit within a concert hall, now and then electronically adapted. Also the music written for carillon and the technical possibilities have been raised towards a higher level. The virtuosity has been expanded towards music for four hands, and compositions and competitions for this medium are a total success.

9.30 a.m. *Raadhuis* - Opening with coffee/thee

10 a.m. **Carillon in Expansion**

Forum on new technical challenges in mobile carillon building, participation in the cultural life, education, composition, and valorisation in a world that quickly changes. ...

Guest speakers *Frank Steijns (owner of the newest type of mobile carillons)* and *Carl Van Eyndhoven, President of the Flemish Carillon Society and Carillon Professor at the Leuven Lemmens Institute.*

12 noon Possibility to play the carillon of the Sint-Pietersbandenkerk

1 p.m. Lunch with sandwiches at the Raadhuis

3 p.m. **Quatre-mains & quatre-pieds**

Dazzling sounds by Toru Takao (Japan) & Malgosia Fiebig (Polen),
Japanese-Polish carillon duo

5.30p.m. Reception with speech by the *Head of Culture of the City of Lommel*

8 p.m. **Birds & Bells**

Beiaard & tape performed by Giedrius Kouprevicus
University Carillonneur at Kaunas, Litouwen

Sunday July 20: Carillon music with animo

Location: Raadhuis (presentation)

Parc of the Maire house (concerts, barbecue)

During this day we focus on a new generation of carillon music and composers. On one hand carillon music has to come up to high stylistic and technical expectations, on the other hand the public likes to see more and more a social, sensory pleasing input: music for all sorts of people! Geert D'hollander and John Courter both write music in various styles, anticipating to this increasing demand for popular and at the same time tasteful music.

9.30 a.m. Opening with coffee/thee

10 a.m. New sounds in Carillon Music

Powerpoint presentation by *Liesbeth Janssens, city carillonneur of Lommel and carillon teacher at the Music Academy of Antwerp and Lier*

10 a.m. Partner program: visit of the brand new glass museum of Lommel within walking distance

12 a.m. Free playing at the Eijsbouts Carillon in the Sint-Pietersbanden Church by participants

1 p.m. Lunch

3 p.m. D'hollander plays D'hollander

Virtuoze nieuwe muziek door Geert D'hollander
stadsbeiaardier van Antwerpen, Gent, Lier en Sint-Niklaas

5.30 p.m. Kentucky Barbecue

8 p.m. Courter plays Courter

American Music by John Courter
University Carillonneur at Berea College, Kentucky, USA

9 p.m. Frank Steijns in concert

Concert with electronics on Frank's mobile concert carillon (previously owned by André Rieu)

Monday July 21: National Holiday & Closing session

The carillon is a typical Belgian instrument and nothing can add more to the festivities of our National Holiday than festive carillon bells!

10 a.m. Opening with coffee/thee & Belgian '*koffiekoeken*'

10.30a.m. Closing festival with speech thanking all participants

11 a.m. National Festive Music

Authentic & nostalgic carillon music by Jan Verheyen
Carillonneur at Hasselt

12 noon Visit of the carillon in Sint-Pietersbanden Church and free playing for participants