

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CÉSAR FRANCK COMPETITION 2007 SAINT BAVO'S BASILICA AND CATHEDRAL, HAARLEM, THE NETHERLANDS

Article 1 - admission

Organists who want to participate to the competition must have fulfilled the following conditions:

- Candidates must have completed a professional training as an organist and must have recital capabilities. Candidates who have not yet finish their professional training must put in a declaration by their teacher or professor that they have the disposal of this level.
- Candidates must have sent a record (cassette tape, CD-rom, MiniDisc or DAT) of the **Pièce Héroïque** by César Franck played by him-/herself before 1st June 2007. These records will not be returned.
- Candidates must have received before 1st July 2007 a written message of the Project Group International Cesar Franck competition 2007 that they have been selected on base of the record they have sent.
- Candidates have paid the inscription fee of (€ 50,-) by international money transfer or bank transfer to account number 88.44.80.215 at Fortis Bank in Haarlem, The Netherlands of: "Stichting Kathedrale Basiliek, c/o Internationaal César Franck Concours", Leidsevaart 146, 2014 HE Haarlem, The Netherlands (IBAN: NL65 FTSB 0844 4802 15, BIC: FTSBNL2BR), with the communication 'inscription International Cesar Franck Competition 2007'. The costs of this money or bank transfer have not to be charged to the organization of the International Cesar Franck Competition.

Article 2 - compositions to be executed

First round on Tuesday 25th September 2007, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Compulsory pieces:

- César Franck: **Pastorale** from : *Six Pièces*.
- Jehan Alain: **Intermezzo** (éd. Leduc)

Second round on Thursday 27th September 2007. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Compulsory pieces:

- César Franck: **Final** from : *Six Pièces*.
- Jehan Alain: **Première Fantaisie** (éd. Leduc)
Deuxième Fantaisie (éd. Leduc)

Final round on Saturday 29th September, 3 p.m.:

The candidates who are admitted to the final round must have prepared the following pieces:

- César Franck **Trois Chorals**
- Jehan Alain **Scherzo** (from : *Suite pour orgue*, éd. Leduc)
Deuils (from : *Trois Danses*, éd. Leduc)

The jury will compose a program from this repertoire for the final round immediately after the proclamation of the second round.

Article 3 - Organisation of the competition

For organising reasons the maximum number of candidates is 10. If more candidates have presented themselves a strictly anonymous selection by a professional jury will take place based on the records received by the organisation.

If one of the selected candidates is unable to come, the Project group has the right to invite as yet a non-selected candidate to participate to the competition.

For each round candidates have the opportunity to practice at least two hours at the 'Willibrordus'- organ.

Only the page-turner and/or registration assistant will be authorized to accompany the contestant at the organ loft during the rehearsals as well as during the elimination rounds.

The candidates have to keep close to the data and hours of practice and performance. The secretary of the competition will communicate these in time. The hours of practice will start at Friday 21st September 2007. At each round lot will assign the order of performance of the candidates. In case of doubt the decision of the members of the Project group of the International César Franck Competition is determining.

A page-turner and registration assistant of their own choice can assist candidates. Otherwise candidates can call on a page turner and registration helper provided by the organisation. In this last case candidates have to make known their choice two weeks before the start of the competition.

After the two eliminatory rounds the jury will make their decision by indicating the code numbers of the contestants selected to take part in the next round.

After the final round the announcement of the results will be made once the jury will have made its decision. The presentation of the awards will follow directly thereafter.

The three rounds are accessible for the audience

1st round: Tuesday 25th September 2007, start 10 o'clock a.m.;

2nd round: Thursday 27th September 2007, start 10 o'clock a.m.;

Final round: Saturday 29th September 2007, start 3 o'clock p.m.

Article 4 - jury

The jury consists of three persons.

The members of the jury are judging on paper each for his/her own independently. The preliminary marks they attribute to the candidates are based on these annotations.

After each round the jury withdraws in the presbytery for the definite determination of the marks. During this session there is opportunity for deliberation.

The count will be based on three aspects: technique, interpretation and artistic personality.

If, for the second round two candidates have the same marks the judgement of the interpretation of the piece(s) by César Franck will be decisive.

The judgement of the jury is binding. The jury is not obliged to award a first prize but has to award all of the finalists a prize.

For the competition of 2007 the jury consists of:

- Marie-Claire ALAIN, (Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France),
- David SANGER, (Embleton, UK) and
- Ton VAN ECK, (Haarlem, The Netherlands).

Article 5 - instrument for the competition and instruments for practising

For the competition will serve the Adema-organ (1923), also called 'Willibrordus organ' of Saint Bavo's Basilica and Cathedral (Electro pneumatic action, four manuals, 81 stops). The instruments is equipped with a modern electronic combination for the stops (99 levels of each 999 combinations).

Organs in other churches near to the Basilica will be at the disposal of the candidates for supplementary practice.. The secretary of the competition can provide more information about these possibilities.

Article 6 - Prizes

De following prizes are available:

1st prize € 2.000,-

2nd prize € 1.500,-
3rd prize € 1.000,-

There is also a price of the audience of € 500,- that can be attributed to one of the finalists

Above these prizes the three finalists will be given the opportunity to play a recital in the series of Saturday afternoon organ recitals in Saint Bavo Basilica and Cathedral. The winner of the first prize will be given the opportunity to play a recital in the Cathedral Notre-Dame in Chartres (France).

Article 7 - Other conditions

The candidate has to put in a short biography before the start of the competition

The competition may be partially or totally recorded and/or broadcast on radio or television. Candidates may claim neither fees nor royalties on subsequent recording or broadcasting.

If candidates desire, the organisation of the competition will try to find a cheap accommodation for the candidates during the competition. Candidates have to indicate this at least two weeks before the start of the competition.

Foreign candidates may receive a reimbursement of travel expenses of 50% of the travel costs by train 2nd class, boat or airplane economy class to a maximum of € 140,-. Other expenses for travel or lodging are for the account of the candidates.

By participating , the candidate agrees to adhere to all provisions of the rules and regulations. Any infringement will entail cancellation of the competition results and prize awards. The organizing committee will enforce the strict observation of these rules. The organizing committee also reserves the right to take any necessary measures against anything that might interfere with the successful completion of the competition.

In case of disagreement, only the Dutch text of the rules and regulations applies.

In situations not covered by these rules and regulations, the committee of the Project Group *International Cesar Franck Competition* will take a final decision.