

I am happy to announce a concert of importance for our instrument:

The

'YOUNG TALENT CONCERT'

organized by

The ORKEST van het OOSTEN

conducted by

CANDIDA THOMPSON

special guest: The young Dutch mandolinist

FERDINAND BINNENDIJK

This concert is special because three young musicians were selected from a large group of young competitors by the jury of Het Orkest van het Oosten (abroad known as 'The Netherlands Symphony Orchestra'), as talented on their instruments.

One of the three chosen musicians is Ferdinand Binnendijk, a promising young mandolinist. The two other finalists are Alain Pondman on saxophone and Martine Stigt Thans on violin. The mandolin is in good company, so to speak!

*The concert is all the more notable because Ferdinand Binnendijk will perform the première of the **Concerto No. 1 in d-minor for Mandolin and Chamber Orchestra** composed by American composer **John Craton**.*

Mr. Craton is a prolific composer and has already composed three Concertos for Mandolin and Orchestra. The 1st Mandolin Concerto is dedicated to the Greek composer Victor Kioulaphides, the 2nd for French/American mandolinist Richard Walz while the 3rd concerto was composed for Gertrud Weyhofen. Besides these concertos he also wrote works for solo mandolin, mandolin and piano, mandolin orchestra and mandolin in other settings. More information about the composer and his work is available at his website: <http://www.craton.net/music/midi2.htm> . MIDI files of his music (including the Mandolin Concertos and other works for mandolin) can be heard at this website: http://www.newmusicjukebox.org/composers/c_works.asp?ComposerID=18716&ActorID=39189

The Mandolin Concerto No.1 in d-minor has three movements; an Allegro, an Adagio subtitled "Alabama Lullaby" and an Allegretto. Having heard this work performed by Ferdinand Binnendijk accompanied by his pianist Eva van den Dool, I can inform you that it is simply a wonderful new Mandolin Concerto that deserves to be played and heard.

The 'YOUNG TALENT CONCERT' will take place on Thursday June 15th starting at 19.00 hours in the Nieuwe Buitensociëteit, Stationstraat 3 in Zwolle (Netherlands). The concerthall of the 'Nieuwe Buitensociëteit' is located opposite the train station.

Hoping to have informed you about the composer, his work and this special concert featuring the young Dutch mandolinist FERDINAND BINNENDIJK, I'll end this announcement with "You are all very welcome!"

Best greetings, Alex Timmerman.

PS. More info about the concert program and the performers you can find in the attachment.