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8th International Adolphe Sax Competition about to start in Dinant, Belgium

Held every four years, the International Adolphe Sax Competition in Dinant, Belgium, is regarded as one of the most important classical saxophone competition in the world. Organised since 1994 by the International Adolphe Sax Association (IASA), the competition is open to saxophonists of a high standard, of every nationality, under the age of 30. This year, 96 candidates will enter the competition in the hope of winning the most coveted title of 1st Laureate.

"Blind" auditions : 264 applications, 96 candidates, 19 countries

Last April, an international jury examined the videos of the 264 registered candidates to select only the top 100. Indeed, due to the worldwide success of the competition, a pre-selection phase has to be held before the public events and, for the first time, the jury adopted blind auditions. After listening to the recordings (*Concertino* by Jeanine RUEFF and *Sonata for alto saxophone & piano* by David MASLANKA), the jury admitted 96 candidates - 78 men and 18 women - from 19 countries.

Eliminatory round and semi-finals: discovering classical saxophone

The competition will take place from 31st October to 11th November in Dinant, place of birth of the inventor of the saxophone, Adolphe Sax.

During the eliminatory round (from 31st October to 4th November), 96 candidates will compete in the hope of being part of the 18 best saxophonists who will perform in the semi-finals (on 6th and 7th November). Both eliminatory round and semi-finals will take place in the Cultural Center of Dinant and are accessible free of charge to the public. This is an opportunity for everyone to discover the world of classical saxophone and a global competition.

The finals: Dirk Brossé and Casco Phil

Only six laureates will compete in the finals, which will take place in Notre-Dame Collegiate Church in Dinant on 10th and 11th November. During each evening, three laureates present their program, including a compulsory work composed by famous Belgian composer Dirk Brossé. The performances of the Saturday final are followed, at 10:30 p.m., by a work performed by the Belgian Chamber Orchestra Casco Phil, and the announcement of the results and prizes.

Bonus

Many activities will also be organised alongside the competition, including a great gathering of saxophonists "1000 & 7 Sax" on November 5.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

31st Oct > 04th Nov - Eliminatory round

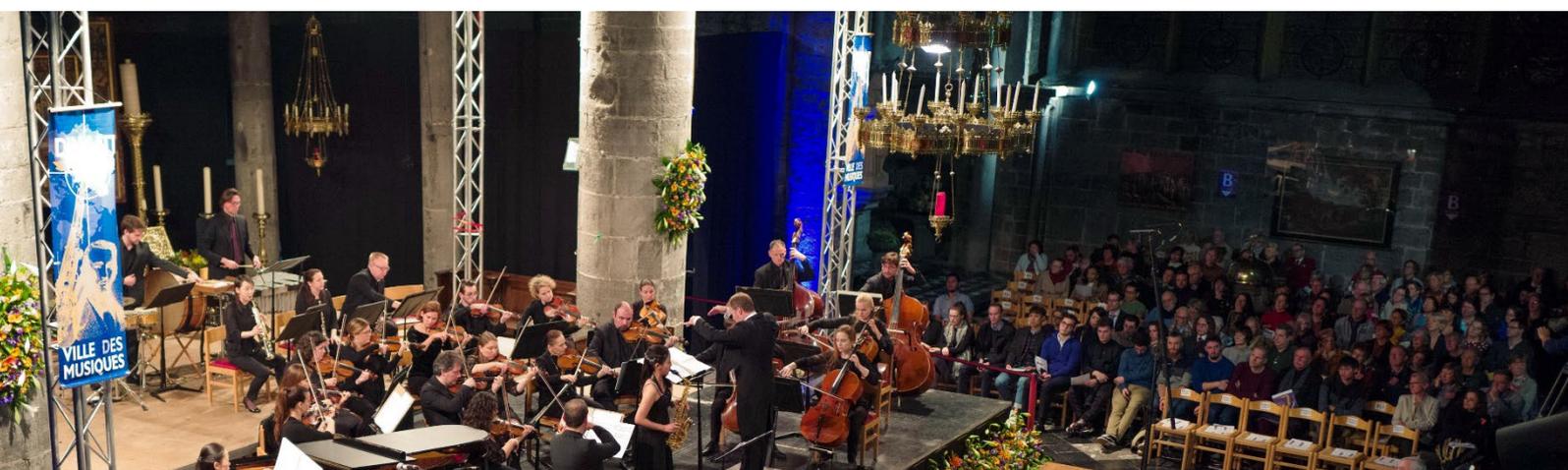
At Centre culturel de Dinant (address: rue Grande 37, 5500 Dinant)
Free access, no booking need | Schedules on sax.dinant.be

06th & 07th Nov - Semi-finals

At Centre culturel de Dinant (address : rue Grande 37, 5500 Dinant)
Free access, no booking need | Schedules on sax.dinant.be

10th & 11th Nov at 8 pm - Finals

At Collégiale Notre-Dame de Dinant (address : Place Reine Astrid 1, 5500 Dinant)
1 evening : 15 € (-26 years old : 10 €) | 2 evenings : 25 € (-26 years old : 18 €)
Booking on sax.dinant.be or via +32 82/21.39.39



OTHER EVENTS

Billy Symphony

Wed 25th Oct at 3 pm | At Centre culturel de Dinant

Mixing cartoons and live music, *Billy Symphony* unravels the story of Billy, a little kid who wants to become a saxophonist. From age 6.

Discovering the international saxophone competition in Dinant

Fri 03rd Nov at 2 pm | At Centre culturel de Dinant

Discover the competition with Simon Diricq, First Laureate of the competition in 2010.

1000 & 7 Sax

Sun 05th Nov at 4 pm | At Esplanade Princesse Elisabeth, Dinant

Great gathering of saxophonists : hundreds of saxophonists from many countries will gather and play together during a magical, gigantic, unique concert !

Whiplash

Thu 09th Nov at 8 pm | At Centre culturel de Dinant

Musical movie by Damien Chazelle



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