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**International Chamber Music Festival The Hague 2010  
Composition Contest: 'Young Masters XXI'**

International Chamber Music Festival The Hague (artistic leader: Eva Stegeman) offers young composition talent in The Netherlands a chance to develop, in order to stimulate contemporary chamber music. In 2010, the festival announces a new composition contest for classic string quartet.

Jury and competition final

A jury of expert professionals will select three finalists for a performance during the International Chamber Music Festival The Hague 2010.

We are honored to have our jury consist of:

- Martijn Padding, composer & head of composition faculty at the Royal Conservatory The Hague
- Guus Janssen, composer
- Heleen Hulst, violinist

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that the performances of the compositions will take place in collaboration with the Dutch StringQuartet Academy (Nederlandse StrijkKwartet Academie).

Public rehearsals and concert final

Public rehearsal workshops of the compositions that are selected for the final will take place 20-23 September 2010. The concert final performance will take place in the Nieuwe Kerk, Den Haag on September 26th 2010, as part of the festival program. The winner will be announced immediately after the concert final.

- *N.B. Finalists are obliged to attend both the workshops and the concert final.*
- *N.B. If the level of the entries is not satisfactory, the jury can decide to choose less than 3 finalists.*

Prizes for finalists:

- Performance of your composition during the competition final on September 26, 2010 (Nieuwe Kerk, Den Haag), as part of the International Chamber Music Festival The Hague
- Publication of the compositions of all finalists by Music Center The Netherlands (Donemus)
- The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner of the competition, as selected by the jury, will receive 1.000,- euro prize money

Conditions:

- The composition has to be written for classic string quartet (2 violins, 1 viola, 1 violoncello), with optional 5<sup>th</sup> instrument –*please consult with the festival organization in advance (feasibility)*
- The competition is open to all composers living in the Netherlands, who are 30 years or younger on March 31, 2010
- Composition duration: maximum 12 minutes
- The composition must not have been performed before
- Per composition, 3 scores have to be handed in. The scores will not be returned.
- Participants will provide all material for free

Competition deadlines:

- if you wish to enter the composition, please send an email to [info@kamermuziekfestivaldenhaag.nl](mailto:info@kamermuziekfestivaldenhaag.nl) to let us know that you would like to participate
- Deadline for receiving compositions: **June 15, 2010**
- Announcement of the finalists: **July 31, 2010**

**Information and application:**

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