International Organ Improvisation Competition

Round 1

Monday 16 July 2018
Grote of St.-Bavokerk
Haarlem

Participants:
Gabriele Agrimonti (Italy)
Evan Bogerd (The Netherlands)
Alexandru Catau (Romania)
Lukas Grimm (Germany)
Christian Groß (Germany)
Cyril Julien (Switzerland)
Gregor Simon (Germany)
Geerten van de Wetering (The Netherlands)

Jury Members:
Franz Danksagmüller (Germany)
Bernhard Haas (Germany)
Guus Janssen (The Netherlands)
Jacob Lekkerkerker (The Netherlands)
Vincent Thévenaz (Switzerland)
Chairman: **Neil Wallace** (The Netherlands)

Each participant will play two improvisations of about 6 minutes each.

The first assignment is an improvisation in ostinato form making use of the row at the bottom of this leaf.

The second assignment is a free improvisation based on two texts.

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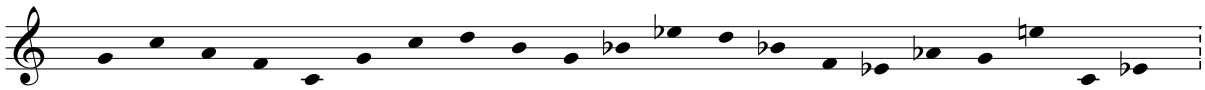
The first text is a quote by the Chinese philosopher Confucius (551-479 BC):

"A lion chased me up a tree, and I greatly enjoyed the view from the top"

The second text is an excerpt from Psalm 69:

Save me, O God;
for the waters are come in unto my soul.
I sink in deep mire,
where there is no standing:
I am come into deep waters,
where the floods overflow me.



The order of the participants is not known to the members of the Jury. After the fourth player there will be a short interval of about 10 minutes. After the jury deliberations the order of players will be announced as well as the six contestants who are selected to play in the Second Round.
This Second Round will take place on Wednesday 18 July at 20.15 hours in the Philharmonie Concert Hall. The Final Round will be held on Friday 20 July at 20.15 hours in St Bavo's.