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## **Dutch National State Broadcaster portraits Simon Murphy**

The Dutch National State Broadcaster (NPS) is profiling conductor Simon Murphy and The Hague's Baroque Orchestra "The New Dutch Academy" with an exclusive live CD of symphonic works by Beethoven, Haydn and Wranitzky.

The live concert recording of Murphy and The New Dutch Academy (NDA) was singled out by Dutch Radio as a highlight of the radio's recording activities over the past season. Selected out of hundreds of concert recordings made by the NPS, the NDA recording stood out due to the highly engaging atmosphere of the performance – identified as a hallmark of the performing style of Murphy and the NDA. The CD is produced by the NPS in co-operation with the Dutch music magazine "Luister", the premiere music magazine in the Low Countries.

The live CD portrays the work of Murphy and The New Dutch Academy Orchestra – the new generation of specialist Dutch early music performers – in vibrant concert action, capturing Murphy and The New Dutch Academy Orchestra (which performs exclusively on authentic instruments) performing Beethoven Symphony no 1 and Haydn's Symphony no 104 "London" as well as other orchestral music by contemporary and friend of Beethoven and Haydn, composer and conductor Paul Wranitzky. Wranitzky conducted the first performance of Beethoven's Symphony no 1 (dedicated to Baron Gottfried van Swieten) and the Viennese premiere of Haydn's "The Creation".

The NDA concert documented on the CD took place in the Grote Zaal of the Rotterdam Concert Hall, De Doelen in December 2007. The live disc is available exclusively in the May 2010 issue of "Luister", edition 666. The disc is volume 5 in a NPS / NTR / Radio 4 / Luister set documenting live performances of note in the Netherlands.

Listen to the CD: [http://www.newdutchacademy.nl/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=44:nps-news&catid=39:newscategory&Itemid=53](http://www.newdutchacademy.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=44:nps-news&catid=39:newscategory&Itemid=53)