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## Season Opening 2011-2012

Simon Murphy and The Hague's Baroque Orchestra, The New Dutch Academy, will open the 2011-2012 cultural season in The Hague on Thursday 20 October in the city's Philipszaal with the symphonic programme "It's About Time". The programme features arias by Mozart, Paisiello and Rossini, Haydn's Symphony no. 101 "The Clock" and Rossini's Overtures to "La Cenerentola" (Cinderella) and "Il barbiere di Siviglia". Soloist is Danish soprano Nina Bols Lundgren.

Recently The New Dutch Academy (NDA) and its conductor Simon Murphy were honoured by being named as one of the top 5 highlights of the 30 year history of The Holland Festival of Early Music Utrecht alongside The Orchestra of the 18th Century (Frans Brüggen) and The Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra (Ton Koopman). Dutch national radio celebrated the festival's 30th anniversary with a series of downloads of "legendary" festival performances including the NDA's Corelli Concerti Grossi.

In The Hague, the NDA's 2011-2012 concert season features exciting and engaging programmes of both well known and newly rediscovered 18th century masterpieces performed exclusively on authentic instruments by the NDA's international, new generation, specialist musicians. Guest soloists include the recipient of the 2010 BBC Music Award, Iranian/American harpsichordist Mahan Esfahani, and the winner of the 2011 London Handel Singing competition, Canadian soprano Stefanie True.

The NDA's concert programmes regularly present modern day premiere performances of 18th century works newly unearthed by Murphy and the NDA's research lab, such as the repertoire featured on the NDA's newest SA-CD (PentaTone) - the first recording to document the symphony at the 18th century Court of Orange, with musical crown jewels by Dutch and international composers at the court including Graaf, Schwindl, C. Stamitz and Zappa.

Recent concert highlights for Simon Murphy and NDA include appearances at the Händel Festspiele Halle, the Bachfest Leipzig and for the Zaterdagmatinee at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw. Recent tours have taken the orchestra through north-west Europe, Russia, northern American and Australia. Upcoming tours will see the orchestra visit Asia and eastern Europe.

Chief Conductor and Artistic Director of The New Dutch Academy is Dutch-based, Australian conductor and viola player, Simon Murphy (38).

Download the NDA's 2011-2012 Season Brochure: <http://issuu.com/newdutchacademy/docs/nda-brochure-hires2>

Read more about the NDA's season opening in The Hague on the Philipszaal's site: [http://www.ldt.nl/programma/1781/New\\_Dutch\\_Academy/It\\_s\\_About\\_Time/](http://www.ldt.nl/programma/1781/New_Dutch_Academy/It_s_About_Time/)

Read more about the NDA on the NDA's website: [www.newdutchacademy.nl](http://www.newdutchacademy.nl)

Watch conductor Simon Murphy and the NDA in action in Beethoven's 2nd Symphony, live in the Philipszaal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEfwPgHvbbg&feature=related>

Listen to Murphy and the NDA's acclaimed festival Corelli CD: [http://www.newdutchacademy.nl/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=41:corelli-cd-hfomu-2003-murphy-nda&catid=37:cds&Itemid=22](http://www.newdutchacademy.nl/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=41:corelli-cd-hfomu-2003-murphy-nda&catid=37:cds&Itemid=22)

Read more about the NDA's acclaimed festival Corelli project on the Dutch radio's website: <http://festivals.radio4.nl/pagina/oudemuziek/oudemuziekdownload3/oudemuziek/>