



Vice World Champion 3<sup>th</sup> division at the WMC Kerkrade 2017  
Confirmation SUPERIOR division at the Provincial Concert Contest 2016  
National Vlamo Champion, SUPERIOR division 2010

# ROYAL FANFARE BAND VOLKSOPBEURING MASSEMEN (BE)



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## THE ROYAL FANFARE BAND VOLKSOPBEURING MASSEMEN

Founded on 1 November 1931, the Koninklijk Fanfare Orkest Volksopbeuring Massemen (KFOVM) has become one of the most prominent music bands in (East-)Flanders. Today, the orchestra counts about 65 schooled musicians and is led by conductor Diederik De Roeck, a very experienced and ambitious professional musician. Since 1994 the band rehearses in their own rehearsal hall (the so called 'muzieklokaal') at the town square of Massemen.

Volksopbeuring regularly participates in provincial, national and international concert contests. In 1963 the orchestra took part in the provincial tournaments for the first time and achieved a place in the third division. This was the start of a great progress, which has led to the status the band has today. In 2008 the fanfare band promoted to the superior division – the highest possible division in Belgium – in which they are classified ever since.

In the concert contests of the Flemish Music Organisation (Vlamo) Volksopbeuring achieved no less than 4 National Champion titles in 1998, 2000, 2003 and 2010, respectively in the excellence division, 2 times honour division and superior division!

Since 2001, KFOVM participated 5 times in a row in the 4-yearly World Music Contest (WMC) in Kerkrade (NL); the world championships of wind music. In 2017 the band became vice world champion in the international 3th division with a gold medal and first price.

Each year Volksopbeuring performs at concert-assignments and organises many concerts and events itself. The yearly highlight takes place in November, when KFOVM organises a big concert in theme (e.g. radio, film music, fairy tales, humor, Excalibur & King Arthur, the smartphone,...) or collaborates with a famous soloist.

Furthermore the band has been on multiple concert tours: Växjö - SE (1998; European Capital of Culture), Going - AT (2001; music festival), Valetta - MT (2004; for joining the EU), Slavkov, Brno & Prague – CZ (2011; music festival), Oetz - AT (2014; invitation Ötz Toerismus) and Schladming – AT (2019; MidEurope Festival)

Volksopbeuring recorded 2 professional CD's. The first one 'Progression' in 1999 and the CD 'Trias' in 2006 on the occasion of their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This was a collaboration with two other bands. For more recent recordings we invite you to visit SoundCloud via our website, or our YouTube-page.



KFO Volksopbeuring at the WMC Kerkrade 2017: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, gold medal with distinction, 3<sup>th</sup> division.

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## THE CONDUCTOR: DIEDERIK DE ROECK



Diederik De Roeck is born in Geraardsbergen (BE). After acquiring the City Medal for trumpet at the Music Academy in his hometown, he continued his studies at the Academy of Performing Arts in Aalst.

Diederik started his higher education at the Royal Conservatorium of Brussels, where he obtained first prizes solfège, transposition, trumpet and chamber music. He graduated at the Conservatorium of Rotterdam as teaching musician and at the Conservatorium of Maastricht as performing musician (master). Meanwhile his interest in conducting was growing. He studied HaFaBra-conducting at the conservatoria of Brussels and Ghent.

As a professional trumpet player, Diederik was part of the Beethoven Academy in Antwerp for 20 years. Beside this he was active in distinguished orchestras such as I Fiamminghi, La Monnaie, the Flemish Opera and the National Orchestra of Belgium. Nowadays he is full time brass teacher at the Academy of Performing Arts in Aalst and the Arts Academy in Wetteren.

As a conductor he is musically in charge of some leading amateur orchestras. Thanks to his commitment he was able to organize multiple high standing projects and concerts, and has won numerous prizes with these band. Some recent prizes as conductor are:

### KFO Volksopbeuring Massemen:

- 2017: vice world champion, 3<sup>th</sup> division fanfare, WMC Kerkrade.
- 2016: confirmation in superior division fanfare.
- 2010: national Vlamo champion in superior division fanfare.

### KMV De Leiezonzen Desselgem:

- 2017: vice world champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> division fanfare, WMC Kerkrade.
- 2013: world champion, 2<sup>nd</sup> division fanfare, WMC Kerkrade.
- 2012: national Vlamo champion in superior division fanfare.

### Ensemble Kreato Halle:

- 2012: vice national Vlamo champion in superior division harmonie (wind orchestra).

### 't Muziek Herne:

- 2013: vice national Vlamo champion in 1<sup>st</sup> division harmonie (wind orchestra).





## RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS

### Provincial subsidy contests East-Flanders

|                              |                                                         |                                                                                       |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2016                         | Berlare                                                 | - Confirmation in SUPERIOR division                                                   |
| 2012                         | Berlare                                                 | - Confirmation in superior division                                                   |
| 2008                         | Wetteren                                                | - Promotion to superior division                                                      |
| 2004                         | Berlare                                                 | - Confirmation in honour division                                                     |
| 2000                         | Ninove                                                  | - proposition in honour division, classification in honour division                   |
| 1996, 1992, 1988, 1984, 1980 | Ninove, Gent, Sint-Martens-Latem, Grembergen, Massemen: | - Confirmation in excellence division                                                 |
| 1976                         | Massemen                                                | - proposition excellence division, classification in excellence division              |
| 1974                         | unknown                                                 | - classification in 1 <sup>th</sup> division                                          |
| 1972                         | Massemen                                                | - proposition 1 <sup>th</sup> division, classification in excellence division         |
| 1970                         | Oosterzele                                              | - Confirmation in 2 <sup>nd</sup> division                                            |
| 1968                         | Heusden                                                 | - proposition in 3 <sup>th</sup> division, classification in 2 <sup>nd</sup> division |
| 1963                         | Melle                                                   | - classification in 3 <sup>th</sup> division                                          |

### VLAMO (Flemish Music Organisation) provincial contests

|                  |                          |                                                                    |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2010             | Lebbeke                  | - Provincial Champion SUPERIOR division (82 %)                     |
| 2002             | Berlare                  | - Provincial Champion honour division (87,2 %)                     |
| 2000             | Gent                     | - Cantonal Champion honour division (80 %)                         |
| 1999             | Berlare                  | - Provincial Champion honour division (90 %)                       |
| 1997             | Berlare                  | - Provincial Champion excellence division (92,6 %)                 |
| 1996             | Oostakker                | - Cantonal Champion excellence division (89 %)                     |
| 1986, 1982, 1979 | Hamme, Eeklo, Zomergem : | - General + Prov. Champion excellence division (94 %, 93,5%, 91 %) |

### VLAMO national contests: only the provincial champions of the previous year can participate

|      |           |                                                  |
|------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 2010 | Leuven    | - National Champion SUPERIOR division (92,1 %)   |
| 2003 | Leuven    | - National Champion honour division (89 %)       |
| 2000 | Leuven    | - National Champion honour division (91,1 %)     |
| 1998 | Leuven    | - National Champion excellence division (86,3 %) |
| 1987 | Gent      | - First price in the excellence division (81 %)  |
| 1983 | Houthalen | - First price in the excellence division (84 %)  |

### Open International Contests

|      |                                                          |                                                                              |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2017 | Kerkrade (NL): World Music Contest                       | Second place, gold medal with distinction (93,83%), 3 <sup>th</sup> division |
| 2013 | Kerkrade (NL): World Music Contest                       | Fourth place with gold medal (87,50%), 3 <sup>th</sup> division              |
| 2009 | Kerkrade (NL): World Music Contest                       | Third place with gold medal (87,48%), 2 <sup>nd</sup> division               |
| 2005 | Kerkrade (NL): World Music Contest                       | Second place with gold medal (85,92%), 2 <sup>nd</sup> division              |
| 2001 | Kerkrade (NL): World Music Contest                       | Third place, gold medal with distinction (90,95%), 3 <sup>th</sup> division  |
| 1999 | Leest: International concert contest Mechelen-Leest (BE) | First price with distinction (86,25 %)                                       |





## SOME IMPORTANT RECENT CONCERT-ASSIGNMENTS

|      |                          |                                                                                                     |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2019 | Ghent                    | Concert for happening 'Odegand' commissioned by Festival of Flanders                                |
| 2018 | Laarne                   | Guest performance at the Autumn-Organ Concert                                                       |
| 2017 | Neuville-en-Ferrain (FR) | Gala concert at the International Kiwanis Force Event, in presence of multiple Star Wars actors.    |
| 2015 | Meerdonk                 | Concert at the international "Stuifbolfestival".                                                    |
| 2012 | Ghent                    | Gala Concert on the occasion of 10 years VLAMO (Flemish Music Organisation)                         |
| 2012 | Wetteren                 | Gala Concert for Rotary Club & Innerwheel.<br>Guest soloist: Bert Joris – Jazz trumpet player       |
| 2011 | Ghent                    | Concert on the Saint-Bavo square at the Ghent Festivities (Gentse Feesten)                          |
| 2010 | Wetteren                 | Guest orchestra for the conductor exam, of the Servaisacademie Halle                                |
| 2008 | Herfelingen              | Theme Concert for the Art Association "Hernia"                                                      |
| 2008 | Izegem                   | Concert for "Fanfare-Treffen"                                                                       |
| 2007 | Berlare                  | Concert at the East-Flanders Fanfare Gala                                                           |
| 2006 | Wetteren                 | Concert for Lions-Club Wetteren,<br>Guest soloist: Stef Pillaert, euphonium & Michael Bracke, viool |
| 2005 | Ostend                   | Concert for 50 years 'Gezinsbond'; Casino Kursaal Ostend                                            |
| 2005 | Ghent                    | Concert for happening 'Odegand' commissioned by Festival of Flanders                                |
| 2005 | Berlare                  | New Year Concert for 20 years Rotary Club Wetteren                                                  |
| 2003 | Aalst                    | New Year Concert for Unizo (Union of Independent Entrepreneurs)                                     |

## CONCERT TOURS

|         |            |                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2019    | Austria    | Participation in the Mid Europe Festival.<br>Concerts during the Long Night and in the Congress Hall Schladming.                                         |
| 2014    | Austria    | Concert trip in response to invitation OETZ Tourismus.<br>Concerts in <u>Oetz</u> and Längenfeld.                                                        |
| 2011    | Czech Rep. | Concert trip for participation at the Wind Music Festival Slavkov.<br>Concerts in <u>Slavkov</u> Castle and <u>Prague</u> : Palace Liechtenstein.        |
| 2004    | Malta      | Concert trip commissioned by the Maltese government for joining the E.U.<br>Concerts in <u>Valetta</u> : Presidential Palace and Republic Street Square. |
| 2001    | Austria    | Concert trip for participation at the international Wind Music Festival Going<br>Concerts in Going and Söll. Visit to the Festspiele in Salzburg.        |
| 1998    | Sweden     | Concert trip on the occasion of <u>Växjö</u> , European City of Culture.<br>Concerts in Växjö: Concerthall and Speakers Corner.                          |
| '70-'80 | Germany    | Fraternization with 'Muzikzug TV <u>Dauborn</u> '                                                                                                        |

## MOST RECENT THEME CONCERTS

|      |                      |                                                                                                                      |
|------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2018 | APPart Concert       | A concert in theme of the smartphone. The audience can use the Wolfgang-app while the orchestra is playing.          |
| 2017 | KFO On Air           | A live radio-concert at which the music of multiple radio stations is played. Presented by radio-host Michel Follet. |
| 2016 | Cinema Concerts      | A film music concert with projection of real movie clips and presentation by self-made audio and video recordings.   |
| 2015 | A Farewell to Arms   | Concert about 'no more war'                                                                                          |
| 2015 | Er was eens...       | "Once upon a time", a fairy tale concert.                                                                            |
| 2014 | Giant Concert        | Concert about Wetteren and their 400 years old Giants. Attended by governor Jan Briers.                              |
| 2013 | Art Meets Music      | Concert in collaboration with Art Association Hernia                                                                 |
| 2012 | Tripartite Concert   | Concert in collaboration with string orchestra 'La Sfida' and pianist Frederik Martens.                              |
| 2011 | Jazzy Fanfare Sounds | Jazzy Fanfare Concert with jazz trumpet player Bert Joris.                                                           |

Volksopebeuring regularly collaborates with renowned musicians and guest soloists or conductors: Jan Van Der Roost, Jan Bosveld, Johan De Meij, Leon Vliex, Jan Smets, Manu Mellaerts, Stef Pillaert, Geert Verschaeve, Bart Van Der Cruys, Rik Vercruysse, Leo Wouters, Steven Devolder, Bjorn Verschoore, Wouter Lenaerts, Bert Joris, Frederik Martens, Bert Appermont, Sara Peire...



KFO Volksopebeuring Massemen at their 'Cinema Concerts' in 2016.