

Flemish Radio Choir

Ensemble & Orchestra



The **Flemish Radio Choir** was founded in **1937** by the Belgian public broadcaster of the day. Today it has become a choir of exceptionally high quality that counts both domestically and internationally among the top ensembles. The 24 professional singers rehearse under the baton of chief conductor Hervé Niquet in Studio 1 of the well-known Flagey building in Brussels, and perform throughout Flanders and Europe.

Hervé Niquet became the choir's chief conductor in 2011. This internationally celebrated and flamboyant conductor is key to the choir's success. Niquet, who refers to the choir as a diamond and ranks it among the top three in Europe, works on achieving a recognisable sonority and is planning a wide range of projects, from unknown French romantic music to contemporary premieres.

A first and important pillar of the Flemish Radio Choir's programmes is the **a capella concert**, with which the ensemble tours between four and six times a year throughout Flanders. In addition, the choir regularly works with **renowned national and international instrumental ensembles**, such as the the Brussels Philharmonic, the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, the Radio Filharmonisch Orkest, Les Siècles, Le Concert Spirituel, the Budapest Festival Orchestra and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra.

Besides its close ties to regular partners in **Flanders**, the Flemish Radio Choir is increasingly expanding its presence on **various international stages**. The choir is a particularly welcome guest in France, and receives more and more invitations each year to both festivals and prestigious concert halls such as the Salle Pleyel and the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris.

The successful collaboration with the **Palazzetto Bru Zane**, which took the initiative to launch the prestigious CD series based on works composed for the Prix de Rome, continues. In the meantime, new series have been launched featuring portraits of composers and French opera (Joncières' Dmitri and David's

Herculanum). With **Evil Penguin Records**, in a new series of five CDs, conductor Hervé Niquet leads the Flemish Radio Choir and Brussels Philharmonic in new recordings of iconic Requiems.

The Flemish Radio Choir also retains its unique status as radio choir: a considerable number of **concert productions are recorded**, as a result of which the choir has built up a unique collection of live recordings.

The Flemish Radio Choir is an institution of the Flemish Community. Its media partners are Klara and Roularta. The suits of the gentlemen members of the choir are provided by Café Costume.

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