



Message From The President

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Associate Membership

In 1994, IDRS created an associate membership to promote independent double reed societies outside of the United States and to better service double reed enthusiasts from around the globe. I am happy to announce that the British Double Reed Society, IDRS Deutschland e.v., the Japan Bassoon Society, and Nederlandstalig Dubbelriet have officially joined IDRS as associate members. These organizations will be represented for the first time at the 24th annual conference of IDRS in Rotterdam.

This past year, IDRS and its new associate members cooperated in a project, namely, the commissioning of Jean Françaix to compose Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano. The trio, now complete, is to receive its world premiere during the upcoming conference. Each sponsoring organization has the right for a national premiere prior to the publication of the work and for the duration of one year. The trio is a monumental composition by one of the greatest composers of our time. I am delighted that so many of us from such diverse cultures have come together to realize such an important project.

IDRS WWW

In January, 1995, I announced that IDRS was developing a medium of communication to better serve IDRS's ever-growing global membership, namely, the IDRS World-Wide Web. I am proud to announce that the IDRS WWW is now fully operational.

This communication medium resides within the Internet and utilizes the world-wide web (WWW) network system developed by CERN, the European Laboratory for Particle Physics, located near Geneva in Switzerland and France. Through the IDRS WWW (<http://idrs.colorado.edu>), members can access, from anywhere around the world with their computer via the Internet, information related to double reeds. This information includes: current and past IDRS publications; IDRS library holdings; membership directories (IDRS, Dutch Double Reed Society and British Double Reed Society); the e-mail directory of double reed players; and conference information. Beginning with this journal, all IDRS publications will be made available on the IDRS WWW before the printed edition. Also through the web, members can participate in electronic double reed discussion groups. Since February, 1995, when the IDRS WWW became available, numerous individuals from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany,

Finland, France, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States have accessed the site.

Rotterdam Festival

IDRS is grateful to the Rotterdam Conservatory for sponsoring the 24th Annual Festival. On behalf of IDRS, I thank Koen van Slogteren and Erik Langeveld for their dedication and hard work, and the many others who will contribute to make this conference a reality. Also, many thanks go to the participants of the conference who will share so generously their artistry and experience with all of us.

12th Japan Wind & Percussion Competition

The Japan Musical Education and Culture Promotion Society will host the 12th Japan Wind and Percussion Competition in November, 1995. The competition is for bassoon, clarinet, tuba and euphonium. Contestants must be born on or after April 1, 1965. The winner will perform a concerto with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra, Nobutaka Masui conductor, and receive a cash prize of ¥700,000. Other prizes include: 2nd place: ¥400,000; 3rd place: ¥200,000; 4th and 5th places ¥50,000. Application forms will be accepted from July 15 to September 15, 1995 and must be postmarked no later than September 15.

For additional information and application forms contact:

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Competition guidelines and application forms are available from the IDRS WWW (<http://idrs.colorado.edu>). If you have any questions, please contact me.

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