



CLASSICAL  
MUSICIANS OF HOLLAND  
PRINSES CHRISTINA CONCOURS  
2019 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

## For Immediate Release: Portland Dutch Society Hosts 5th Annual Concert Featuring Prize-winning Musicians from The Netherlands

*"a special chance to experience some of the best European talent, right here in Portland"*  
- Robert McBride, former announcer, All Classical Portland

March 22, 2019; Portland, OR: The Portland Dutch Society offers a rare opportunity to hear some of Europe's finest classical music making by way of its 5th Annual "Classical Musicians of Holland" concert taking place on **Tuesday, May 7th, 7:30pm at The Old First Church** in downtown Portland. The performance features three winners from Holland's most competitive young adult classical program, the Prinses Christina Concours, and is part of a North American tour which includes concerts in Vancouver (BC), Calgary, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

On the verge of major professional careers, each of the musicians highlighted in this concert blew the Prinses Christina Concours judges away with their captivating interpretations, technical prowess, and musical maturity: violinist Yente Lottman (b. 2001), trombonist Niels Jacobs (b. 1999), and pianist and composer Maxim Heijmerink (b. 2000). With additional accolades that include international prizes, national television and radio appearances, and Concertgebouw Amsterdam performances, these young virtuosi are celebrated as the nation's finest representatives of rising musical talent. While making solo appearances across the Netherlands, all three continue to receive expert tutelage from master teachers at the Amsterdam Conservatory.

With this concert, Lottman, Jacobs and Heijmerink bring the breadth of the European classical tradition into beautiful focus performing chamber music by beloved compositional greats such as Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Mozart alongside compelling works by less familiar composers, Alexandre Guilmant, Joseph Jongen, Peter Kiesewetter. Also included is Maxim Heijmerink's superbly impressive and evocative piano solo, *The Accident*. (Listen to Maxim perform the work here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fPLu7E2ous>)

Robert McBride, former announcer with All Classical Portland and frequent moderator for Oregon Symphony Orchestra pre-concert talks, will host the performance. He notes:

*"Classical music in The Netherlands has a glorious history, and the Princess Christina Competition helps to ensure its continuation by giving talented young musicians valuable international experience and exposure. As the concert host, I conduct brief, onstage interviews with these marvelous performers in between pieces to help the audience get to know them, and it's tremendous fun! Please join us as cultural ambassadors, and help make the world a smaller, more beautiful, and more inspiring place."*

**With the very limited number of European classical musicians touring through Oregon, this annual concert is a stand-out on Portland's cultural calendar.**

**Tickets (\$12 general admission / \$5 for students): [theoldchurch.org](http://theoldchurch.org)  
Program details and performer biographies: [portlanddutch.com](http://portlanddutch.com)**

This concert is made possible with generous support from KLM Royal Dutch airlines and Rodgers Instruments.

**The Portland Dutch Society** intensifies the relationship between Dutch Expats, the Dutch Heritage community, the residents and businesses of the greater Portland area and international relations. The organization hosts public events throughout the year and has a committee that is responsible for the formal international relationship between the "Friendship Cities" of Portland and Utrecht through the Portland Utrecht Network. Learn more at [portlanddutch.com](http://portlanddutch.com).

View additional videos of the performers here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfqEXqaUbw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHx1gck55SQ>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qj-lzXamE\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qj-lzXamE_E)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jtk2eUG6jDs>

*Robert McBride (far right) with musicians of the Prinses Christina Concours North American tour, 2017*



*Photos below, L to R: Maxim Heijmerink, Yente Lottman, and Niels Jacobs*



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