

**3RD INTERNATIONAL ORGAN/SONG COMPETITION
NEUSS, 5th – 8th September 2016**

Deadline for applications 30th June 2016
Request for applications to kulturamt@stadt.neuss.de

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The association for promotion of the Church Music Week in Neuss, in co-operation with the town of Neuss herewith announces a competition involving Organ and Song Duo.

The competition takes place in the framework of the Neuss Church Music Week, 5th to 8th September 2016 and offers prizes totalling 5500 Euros.

Criteria include technical and musical skill plus creativity in designing a programme to suit the various churches and organs as well as the artistic individuality of the participants.

APPLICATION

Application forms can be requested from Kulturamt der Stadt Neuss
Tel: (02131) 90-4118
E-mail: kulturamt@stadt.neuss.de

Contact person: Christian Weber

Eligibility: Singers and organists of any nationality born AFTER 31st December 1985.
Applicants older than 30 will be accepted provided they are registered students at a College of Music.

Completed application forms to be submitted by 30th June to the following address:
Kulturamt der Stadt Neuss
Herrn Christian Weber
Oberstrasse 17
41460 Neuss

Mark the envelopes: Organ/Song/Competition

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Jury will select the duos to be invited to the competition.
All judging performances will be open to the public.
Monday 5.9 & Tuesday 6.9 – Practice sessions for all participants for organ for the first and second rounds.
Wednesday 7.9 1st and 2nd rounds.
Thursday 8.9 Practice sessions for the final round and concert finale at 7 p.m.

Jury

Joachim Neugart (président)
Katja Ulges-Stein
Prof. Michael Krämer
Gotthold Schwarz
Prof. Stefan Palm

Prix

1st prize € 3.000
2nd prize € 1.500
3rd prize € 1.000
4th audience prize

The top prize-winners will be invited to give a recital at the next Church Music Week in 2018.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

1. Completed application form (see left)
 2. 3 programmes of 15 minutes including an organ solo piece for the competition (approx. 5 minutes) for each of the following churches:
 - A. Christuskirche – with the Kleuker organ III/38. First round
 - B. Marienkirche – with the Klais organ III/47. Second round
 - C Quirinusbauwerk – with the Seifert organ from 1907 (IV/86). Third round
 3. A CD or YouTube link containing the following recordings:
 - A. For the organist: A Trio-choral prelude by J.S. Bach:
Either «Allein Gott in der Hoeh' sei Ehr»(BWV 684) or
«Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns wend»(BWV655)
 - B. For the Duo: an aria from the St John Passion by J.S.Bach arranged for voice and organ.
- Pieces submitted with the application may be considered in the first round of judging.

Applications close 30th June 2016