

## **The Theo Verbey Foundation**

### **Theo Verbey: a well-loved composer and friend**

Theo Verbey (1959-2019) was a leading and celebrated Dutch composer, music theoretician, husband, friend, uncle and more. He was warm, funny and respectful. He was also a beloved teacher who left a great impression on his students with his broad and deep knowledge of the art of instrumentation, as well as with his immaculate arrangements and orchestrations. Theo helped to improve working conditions for musicians, conservatory teachers and composers, and was unwavering in his support for culture in the Netherlands. He taught at the Royal Conservatory of Music in The Hague for 35 years, and was also on the faculty at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam. His compositions have been performed by renowned orchestras, ensembles, and soloists, both in the Netherlands and abroad.

### **The foundation: honouring an important legacy**

This non-profit foundation was established in September of 2020, and honours Theo's artistic legacy by serving as a platform to preserve and distribute his work. By building a network of people who were connected with Theo, we hope to create a space in which people who knew Theo and loved his music can feel at home.

### **We preserve Theo Verbey's works**

We collect, organize, preserve, make accessible and help publish Theo's teaching materials, scores and performance recordings. We have also consulted with specialized institutions in the Netherlands and abroad to professionalize our activities in areas such as archiving, preservation, management and providing access. Here, our core activity is the creation of a complete list of compositional works. Once complete, we will then create a list of Theo's music didactic and theoretical works. If funds allow, we also aspire to commission a collection of essays about Theo's work, including memories of what he was like as a composer and teacher, and an explanation of his position in Dutch and international musical life.

### **We bring Theo Verbey's works to the public**

We bring Theo Verbey's published and unpublished works to the attention of performing musicians and ensembles, teachers, researchers, publishers and the media. We consider these activities to be a permanent part of the foundation's activities, carried out at every possible opportunity through their extensive network. We will also create a newsletter with information about performances, new publications, studies and the foundation's activities.

### **We are a non-profit organization**

Our foundation is a non-profit organization. We therefore obtain all of our funding from grants, donations, gifts, inheritances, bequests, and so on. The foundation's board is made up of people whose lives were touched by Theo, and consists of the following people as of September 8, 2020: Jan-Willem Mantel (Chair), Eileen Stevens (Secretary), Ivo Schipper (Treasurer), Mark van Dongen, Casper Donker, Sebastiaan Kemner, and Hanna Matthijsse. Our board members receive no remuneration, and all funds received go directly to fulfilling the foundation's objectives.

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