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Celebrating Fifty International Organ Festivals

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The Dutch city of **Haarlem** is one of the world's best known centres of organ music. Based around St Bavo's Church and its legendary **Müller organ**, the city regularly hosts the **Organ Festival**, the **Improvisation Competition** and the master classes at the **academy for organists**. All three are amongst the leading events of their type in the world of organ music.

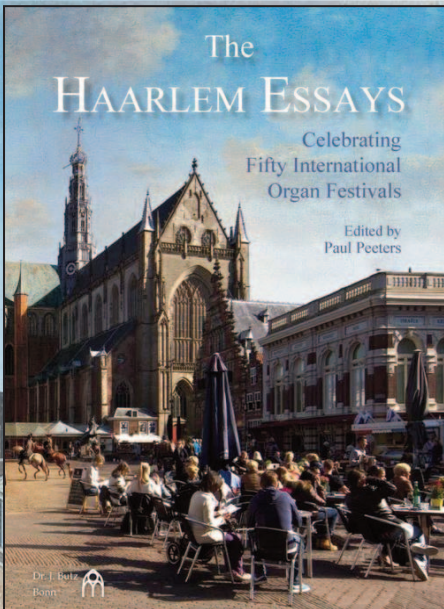
The Haarlem Improvisation Competition (first held in 1951!) has provided significant input into the development and teaching of organ improvisation; numerous organists' careers began here, and countless compositions for organ were given their first performances on the city's famous instruments.

In celebration of the 50th Organ Festival and the 50th Improvisation Competition in 2014, an impressive **anniversary book** is being published (in English); the foundation 'Stichting Internationaal Orgelconcours' has asked Butz-Verlag to publish the volume, which offers far more than the average anniversary publication:



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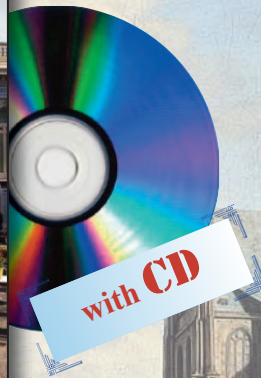
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