

MANU MELLAERTS - TRUMPET

studied trumpet with prof. Léon Pétré at the Lemmens-Institute in Leuven and prof. Jerome De Brouwer at the Brussels Conservatory.

After having studied with P.Thibaud in Paris and E. Tarr in Basel, he won the Belgian "Tenuto" contest in 1985 and received the bronze medaillon at the international trumpet competition in Toulon (Fr.) in 1987.

From 1984 until 1986 he was member of the BRT Philharmonic Radio Orchestra.

in '87 he became 1st solo-trumpet at the National Opera House "La Monnaie" and professor at the Royal Brussels Conservatory.

Besides numerous master classes and being in the orchestra, he performs as a soloist and in chamber music.

For many years, he plays recitals with the famous Belgian organ-player Luc Ponet and with his wife, pianiste Katrien Verbeke.

Manu Mellaerts is founder and artistic director of the famous brass ensemble BELGIAN BRASS.

Special solo-recordings with the chamber orchestra of Bruges, " Collegium Instrumentale Brugense", conducted by Patrick Peire:

*"Trumpet concertos"(Aurophon)
"J.W. Hertel concertos"(Euphoda)
"Vivaldi concertos" (Euphoda)
"Teleman concertos (Euphoda)*

Brass ensemble:

*"Nessun Dorma" (Marc Reift)
"Pushing the limits" (Beriato)
"From IO to Dandi" (Beriato)
"Tribute to A. Sax" (Beriato)
"Flashlight" (Mirasound)
"Russian Heritage" (Beriato)
"Entrata Imperiale" (Beriato)*