



THE FRIENDS OF THE ABBEY
SAINT NICOLAS DE SEPTFONTAINES

RECORD OF THE ASSOCIATION'S LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HELD ON SUNDAY 26TH OF JUNE 2011

The following association's members attended or were represented

Association's Bureau: Marie Cornu (President), Rosita de Selva (Vice-President), José Luis Collados (Treasurer).
Membres : Boukhatem Benachir, Bourdon Jean-François, Cadoret Dominique et Cadoret Jean-Louis, Cardenas Alexis, Collados de Selva Aurelia, Gabard Jean-Marie, Kirchem Hartmut, Quartier La Tente Jean, Quartier La Tente Martha, Thiery Maryse.

Outline of the discussions

The Friends of the Abbey of Saint Nicolas de Septfontaines is a small group of people having developed strong bonds with Septfontaines' estate and spirit, and who are eager to contribute to its activities and development. The association gathers all people who genuinely appreciate the Abbey as well as the life project that its owners instil into it. The association's members participate to this project by bringing in their ideas, by developing and carrying out relevant projects and by supporting it through a yearly financial subscription.

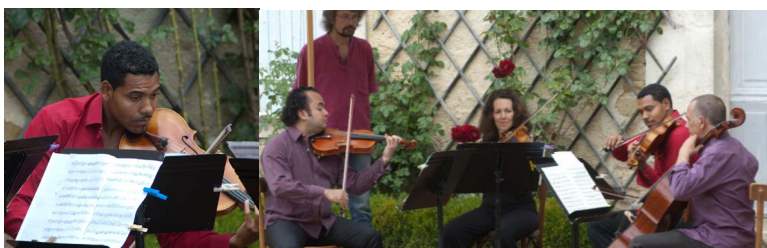
It is important to clearly differentiate between the activities of the association and the private activities carried out in parallel by the Abbey's owners. Thus, the activities that are directed to a broad audience and that have a strong cooperative/collective nature are traditionally organised by or with the support of the association. The private activities refer to the courses and workshops that take place throughout the summer season.

The association organises one to two public events per year. The attending members noted that there would be potential for additional activities - depending however on members' involvement. The association also agreed to devote greater efforts to public relations, notably by sharing more broadly the informations relating to the events organised by the association with local interlocutors (town council, associations, local press).

Debriefing on concerts...

Since its inception in 1996, the association has had the pleasure to host a number of concerts and to enjoy inspiring interpretations - the concerts given in the last four years are listed below:

- 22nd of June 2008 : the Montségur string quarter played Shostakovich, Mozart and Heilmann (event co-organized with the Arteggio association);
- 16th of May 2009 : indian music concert, guitar and songs by Gopika and Nadaka;
- 20th of June 2010 : the Asteria ensemble passionately sang Middle-Age and Renaissance love chansons;
- 25th of June 2011 : the string quartet composed by the musicians of the Ile de France National Orchestra performed Mozart, Debussy, Dvorak with sensitivity and harmony, as mirrored by the attached pictures. On this occasion, people from varied background came together to enjoy their love for music and the abbey's exceptional venue.



... renovation works...

The association conveys its great appreciation and gratitude to all young people that cleaned out the stream and enabled to finalize the clearing of an ancient water drainage tunnel - and to all those who brought their contribution to the valorisation of the abbey.

... and financial issues

On the 26th of June 2010, the association has 1235 euros at its disposal.



Looking ahead: the 2012 programme

Given the excellent moments shared on the day of the concert of the 25th of June 2011 and the suggestion made by the musicians, the association would be happy and honoured to welcome a concert presenting Latin American classical music pieces during the 2012 summer season.

The project of having a specialist of Indian classical dance performing in Septfontaines that had to be cancelled in summer 2011 due to the non granting of the artist's visa could be rescheduled for June 2012. To this effect, the visa demand should be made as soon as possible (January 2012) and the public relations work launched several month prior to the event (flyer to be prepared in January 2012, contact to be made with local institutions and associations in April 2012). Ideally, some members of the association could call up to have the dancer perform in other cities of the region, in order to fully honour and familiarize with the great dancing performances presented by the Bengali artist.

Appointment of new members

Given the vacancy of the association's secretary position, the attending members proceeded to the election of a new secretary. Jean Quartier La Tente was unanimously elected and took up his new position with great enthusiasm. The four string quartet musicians were welcomed as honorary members.