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International Martini Organ Competition Groningen postponed until 2022

The second edition of the International Martini Organ Competition Groningen, planned to be held on 2 – 8 August 2020 in the city of Groningen, has been postponed until the summer of 2022 due to the coronavirus outbreak.

It is with the utmost regret that the organizers of the competition, Stichting Groningen Orgelstad, have had to cancel this year's edition. They have announced a postponement of two years instead of one, as another large biennial organ event is already planned for 2021, namely the popular Schnitger Festival (14 – 17 October 2021).

As one of the biggest organ events in The Netherlands, the Martini Organ Competition was going to be a week-long event jam-packed with masterclasses, excursions and a wide variety of concerts and performances. This was in addition to the competition in three rounds with some highly accomplished participants from all over the world, who would be judged by an international jury of renowned concert organists. The event will now take place in the summer of 2022. The exact dates have not been set yet but will be announced as soon as possible.

Groningen organs

Groningen is famed for its large number of historical organs, many of which were built more than 300 years ago. Participants and jury members of the Organ Competition were looking forward to play several of these beautiful instruments, particularly the Martini Organ which is the most famous. They now have to wait until 2022 to get their chance.

For more information about the Martini Organ Competition, the Schnitger Festival and the organs of Groningen, please visit our website <https://groningen-orgelstad.nl>.