

Netherlands / Nederland

Submitted by Nienke De Boer – President

National board members

NVMB

- Nienke de Boer (Het Balletokeest, Amsterdam) – president
- Martie Severt (Koninklijk Conservatorium, Den Haag) – treasurer
- Mirjam-Iris Crox (Conservatorium Utrecht & Radio 4) – secretary (as from April 2025)
- Anne Marie Roetgerink (Musidesk, Deventer)
- Ria Warmerdam (Koninklijk Conservatorium, Den Haag)
- Ditmer Weertman (Universiteit van Amsterdam)

Board meetings held during the year

NVMB Board Meetings (July 2024 – June 2025)

- 30 September 2024
- 24 February 2025
- 7 April 2025

Annual branch meetings

- 12 November 2024, Utrecht – Network Meeting – 47 attendees
- 15 May 2025, The Hague – General Assembly & Network Meeting – 49 attendees

Branch membership figures

NVMB membership figures 1 January 2025

- Individual Membership: 13
- Institutional Membership: 35
- Individual Membership National only: 17
- Total: 65

Slightly fewer members than last year. Over the past five years minor changes.

Deaths of notable members

- Joop Meuleman (1958-2024) – In 1996 Joop Meuleman was one of the founding members of the NVMB. He held a position at the Fontys Conservatoire in Tilburg, as music librarian, for almost 40 years.
- Hanneke Kuiper (1952-2025) – Hanneke Kuiper worked as music librarian at the Amsterdam Public Library, for almost 40 years. She has been a NVMB board member and served as an officer in the IAML Public Libraries Section and the Audio-Visual Materials Section.

Branch activities

Network Meeting “Welcome in Utrecht” – 12 November 2024 – Public Library, Utrecht

Speakers:

- Jack van 't Pad (former music librarian [Utrecht Public Library](#)): The Music Collection of Utrecht Public Library
- Petra ten Brinke (venue programmer [Utrecht Public Library](#)): Event Planning with the people from Utrecht
- Ben Pikula (chair [Muziekbank Enschede](#)): Recent developments at Muziekbank Enschede
- Mirjam Zegers (curator of the [Louis Andriessen Platform](#) and former PA of Louis Andriessen): The Louis Andriessen Platform
- Emanuel Overbeeke (musicologist, journalist, radio programmer): Het Utrechts Stedelijk Orkest / Utrechts Symfonie Orkest (1894 – 1985)
- Peter Tra (head of classical music [TivoliVredenburg](#)): The Future of TivoliVredenburg Concert Hall

Guided Tour

Utrecht Public Library (including Music Department) – tour guides: Liesbeth Klein Haneveld and Jack van 't Pad

General Assembly – 15 May 2025 – Public Library, The ‘Muziekverdieping’, The Hague

Network Meeting “The Hague Rhapsody” – 15 May 2025 – Public Library, The Hague

Speakers:

- Martie Severt (head librarian of the [Royal Conservatoire](#)): The ‘Muziekverdieping’ and the Library of the Royal Conservatoire The Hague.
- Philomeen Lelieveldt (curator music archives at Collections [Netherlands Music Institute](#)) and Joris van Son (project assistant at Collections [Netherlands Music Institute](#)): Music Archives Online*
- Paula Quint (librarian at Collections [Netherlands Music Institute](#)): Mozart in The Hague
- [Niccolò Angioni](#) (trumpet player, composer, arranger): Jazz Research at the Royal Conservatoire The Hague

Musical Intermezzo:

Music by Theo Verbey (1959-2019)

- Ballade (2016), for trombone and piano
- La Malinconia I (2011), for piano solo

Performed by: Thomas Monden (trombone) and Willem van den Dool (piano)

The Theo Verbey archive is part of Collections Netherlands Music Institute and has recently been catalogued by Joris van Son.

Branch projects

- NVMB Website Working Group (started 6 November 2024 to renew and update our website)
- National Working Group on Sheet Music Preservation Policy
- NVMB Orchestra Libraries Working Group (founded 15 May 2025 to enhance contact and encourage knowledge exchange between Dutch orchestra librarians)
- National Network on Performing Arts ([Podiumkunst](#))

Branch publications

Two new editions of the NVMB Newsletter:

- October 2024– online via [website](#)
- March 2025 – online via [website](#)

Branch website

<https://nvmb.nl/>

Webmasters

- Eric van Balkum ([Muziekschatten.nl](https://muziekschatten.nl/), Hilversum)
- Erwin van Oostenbrugge (Codarts, Rotterdam) (*until May 2025*)
- Ditmer Weertman (Universiteit van Amsterdam) (*as from May 2025*)

Social media activity

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Branch scholarships, grants, bursaries, awards

The NVMB gives travel grants for IAML Congress participants.

Advocacy and recruitment

Our focus regarding recruitment activities has been mainly on individual members, orchestra libraries and music archives.



NVMB board members, 15 May 2025 The Hague 'Muziekverdieping'

From left to right: Mirjam-Iris Crox, Ditmer Weertman, Nienke de Boer, Ria Warmerdam, Martie Severt, Anne Marie Roetgerink. Photo: Charlotte Sienema