

Broadcasting and Orchestra Libraries branch Report of 2009 conference in Amsterdam

The branch's open session included papers by two broadcasting librarians, respectively on widening participation and on the processes involved in preparing for a two-month international summer music festival.

Martie Severt, Head of the Music Library of Netherlands Radio, showed how the development of the online catalogue has made information about his collections and the library's unique works accessible to a much wider public. Peter Linnitt of the BBC Central Music Library described the preparations for the summer season of Promenade Concerts. Roger Flury of the National Library of New Zealand, standing in at short notice, demonstrated New Zealand's database of holdings of choral and orchestral resources, called Cadence.

At the branch's working session, Nienke de Boer, librarian of the Holland Symfonia, introduced us to the orchestras and their libraries in the Netherlands and reports were given of the national and area groups of orchestral librarians. Anne-Margrethe Skari gave us further news of the new opera house in Oslo, and we concluded with a newsround.

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