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ECCO - Call for Works – String quartet – Brussels 2018

The European Composer and Songwriter Alliance (ECSA) is pleased to launch a call for works to be considered for its ninth European Contemporary Composers Orchestra (ECCO) Concert which will take place in the framework of the ECSA Winter session 2018 in Brussels.

ECCO is an initiative of the contemporary music committee of ECSA (known as the *ecf* committee). It aims to establish a Europe-wide network dedicated to the performance, distribution and promotion of contemporary art music. It operates as a network of active ensembles, orchestras and young professionals, supporting creative dialogue between composers and performers and offering young professionals the opportunity to develop their skills on international level with ensembles experienced in contemporary music.

ECSA is pleased to announce that the ECCO concert will be performed by the Quatuor Diotima from France. The concert will take place on 20 February 2018 in Studio 1, Flagey in Brussels.

1/ The specifications for the concert are:

- For the ECCO call for Brussels, pieces submitted should be for a classical formation of a string quartet.
- No other instruments, voices or electronics are available
- We encourage pieces of all lengths but ask that the piece does not exceed 15 minutes
- Works must have been written within the last twenty years and have already received a performance

2/ Submission requirements:

Submission must be made online via a PDF of the score. The score should preferably be type-set, but PDFs of legible hand-written score and parts are allowed. Submissions must include an audio recording in MP3 format, of a live performance. No submissions will be considered without it.

Submissions should be made and co-ordinated via ECSA member societies. There is a maximum of three per country - chosen by the country. Submissions from both individuals and publishers are welcome.

ECSA would like to encourage member societies to take gender balance into consideration for the selection.

Compositions by members of the ECCO Working Group and Artistic Committee, ECSA board and/ or *ecf* official delegation (i.e. representatives of the composers' societies within the *ecf* committee) will not be considered.

Deadline for submission is 31 October 2017– 12:00pm (CEST).

The jury will consist of members of the ECCO Artistic Committee who will select a programme of works of about 60 minutes. The aim is to have a broad selection of works, which represent both the quality and diversity of the contemporary European writing for string quartet within the ECSA members' network.

3/ Contribution from Composers' Societies:

If successful, composers' societies who will have presented the selected pieces will be expected to cover the costs of hire of material/parts.

Composers Societies whose submissions pieces have been selected for performance will be notified via e-mail on 14 November 2017.

In case of any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ECSA office, via email alicja.swierczek@composeralliance.org or telephone +32 2 544 03 33.