Brussels Jazz Orchestra launches 7th edition of International Composition Contest

October will witness the final of the 7th Brussels Jazz Orchestra International Composition Contest. This contest for young jazz talent up to the age of 40 is one of the major international composition contests and is aimed particularly at compositions for big bands. The contest carries a winning prize of €3,000. Winners of previous editions include Jan Torkewitz (2011 – Germany), Sakiko Masuda (2010 – Japan), Klas Lindquist (2006 – Sweden) and Carlos Azevedo (2004 – Portugal). The Brussels Jazz Orchestra has also given these finalists creative assignments for various Brussels Jazz Orchestra productions.

The contest is open to new big band compositions from composers up to the age of 40. Four laureates will be pre-selected for the final. The Brussels Jazz Orchestra will perform the laureates’ compositions on Wednesday 16 October 2013 at Flagey (Brussels) under the guidance of the finalists. An international jury will announce the winner of the BJO International Composition Contest 2013. The winner will receive a prize of €3,000. The audience can vote for their favourite finalist and the most popular performer will receive a Public Award.

Contest entrants must submit one composition for big bands not later than 31 August 2013. You will find the competition rules here.
About the Brussels Jazz Orchestra

The Brussels Jazz Orchestra brings jazz with a dynamic orchestral sound, rooted in jazz tradition. The only professional large jazz ensemble in Belgium has a reputation stretching from Johannesburg to New York. The recordings of the ensemble, 16 CDs to date, receive international recognition and are awarded numerous prizes. In February 2012 the Orchestra was part of the Oscar triumph of the silent movie The Artist, as performer of the film soundtrack. In 2013 the Brussels Jazz Orchestra celebrates its 20th anniversary. Check out our website.