

## **P R E S S   M E S S A G E**

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### **THOMAS DOSS WRITES TESTPIECE FOR 3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**The talented Austrian composer Thomas Doss will write the testpiece for the championship section of the national brass band championships of the Netherlands, Switzerland and Norway this year.**

With the new work, the Swiss and Dutch top section bands can qualify for the European Brass Band Championships (EBBC) of 2010 in Linz in Austria, the native county of the composer. For that championship, Thomass Doss will also be the composer of the set piece. In Norway the new work will be used for qualification for the Europeans of the year after in Montreux.

According to initiator Jappie Dijkstra, the new composition for the three national championships is a perfect example of the European brass band movement's effort to develop new repertoire. "both the national championships and the European Brass Band Association EBBA are eager in finding new musical material. So we are extremely happy that both our Swiss and Norwegian colleagues have been so enthusiastic in supporting this plan."

The new top work will be premiered during the Dutch National Championships on November 28th next and can be heard one day later in Switzerland. The best Norwegian bands will perform the composition in February 2010.

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