



## 8 Banda Sinfonica Portuguesa

Your performance was of an unprecedented high musical quality in the history of the WMC! From the very beginning there was this magical major concert experience. As fellow musicians the jury members were all glad being able to attend your performance. It was a thrill to listen to you and there was even a heart stopping moment when the fire alarm went off... Evidence of your high quality musical standard and concentration was the fact that you played the tuba concerto even better (also the soloist) after the unfortunate interruption.

The jury finds that there is an outstanding artistic realization of the repertoire as evidenced by the following:

- A full realization of the indications of the composer in the score
- Compelling sense of musical style and vision
- An indisputable interpretation of high artistic quality
- Aspects of timing and phrasing if a level of creating the conditions for a major concert experience
- The band and conductor are able to act in a perfect way as musical ambassadors for the composition

In regard to tuning and orchestral sound (sound balance between orchestral sections) the jury finds the following:

- Tuning leaves (virtually) nothing to be desired
- Tone quality in orchestral sections and soloists is of a fantastic level in relation to the requirements of the repertoire
- Overall sound balance of the band is perfect

The jury finds that in regard to technical aspects the following:

- The band, several orchestral groups and soloists do have all the skills and technical qualities required in relation to the repertoire. The level of all soloists and all sections is wonderful. What a great tuba soloist! The jury was also very impressed by the clarinet section.
- Rhythm is of perfect level and there is a high degree of refinement, sophistication and agogics
- Ensemble playing is perfect
- There are very good dynamics and very rich dynamic and expressive degrees
- Articulation and diction are completely devoted to the music

Congratulations with this nigh on perfect performance! You were a very convincing winner.

Jan van den Eijnden  
Independent chairman of the jury