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**Charles Dairay** was born in 1974 in Saint Amand les Eaux (France). His musical education started at a music school in 1980. In 1984, he began to play the carillon with Albert Boon in Wavre (Belgium) and in Saint Amand les Eaux (France). Then he carried on playing with Jacques Lannoy in a French School in Douai.

During his studies, he won prizes for several musical instruments ( saxophone, piano, Bassoon).

In 1996, he graduated as a carillon player from the National Conservatory of Douai with a Final Diplom.

He won prizes in several carillon competitions:

- ♪ 1994: Laureate with Stefano Colletti of the International Carillon Duet Competition in Douai ( France).
- ♪ 2000 : Laureate of the International Carillon Competition in Springfield ( USA).
- ♪ 2001: First Price of the International Carillon Competition in Hamburg ( Germany).
- ♪ 2003: Laureate of the Fifth Queen Fabiola International Carillon Competition ( Belgium).
- ♪ 2004: Third Price of the International Carillon Competition in Venlo ( Netherlands).

In June 2004 Charles graduated from the Royal Carillon School "Jef Denyn" in Mechelen, Belgium, with highest honours .

Charles Dairay studies with the famous carillonneur of brugge Aimé Lombaert.

He has frequently given concerts in the towers of

- USA ( Chicago, Springfield, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester, Alfred, New York...)
- Belgium( Mechelen, Brugge, Wavre, Oostende, Harelbeke...),
- Spanish ( Barcelona),
- Russian ( Saint Peterburg),
- Nederland ( Utrecht, Groningen, Amsterdam, Hilvarenbeck, Enkhuisen, Ede...),
- Germany ( Berlin, Kiel),
- France ( Douai, Chambéry, Perpignan..),
- Switzerland ( Carouges).

He is the main carillon player in Lyon (F), Deinze (B), Orchies (F) and Le Quesnoy (F), the carillon co-player in Bergen (B) and Saint-Amand Les Eaux (F).