

# HISTORY of BV CONTINENTAL SOUND MUSIC

As explained in 'it all started with the Continentals', it began with concerts of the USA Continentals. They brought LP's. After the tours the public kept going ordering. So Stichting Continental Sound started importing. After a few years we got tax inspection. Well to do this for the non-profit purpose was wonderful, but yes we should pay sales tax on this sales. So for one year we had 2 bookkeepers in one organisation. That did not work. So we decided to start a legal company: BV Continental Sound Music as Christian record company. Full speed ahead with import from the USA and England, setting up distribution. It went fast. In 1975 we had 3 salesmen on the road, visiting shops, etc. Unfortunately the main supplier acted in a illegal breach of contract (such things do happen in Christian music). As we should have to go a foreign court for this, which was in those days almost impossible and extremely costly. There was no option as to fire all staff. Thanks to a miracle Continental Sound remained in existence. And we started from scratch again, bringing out our own LP's and later CD's. The whole list see button CD Publications. We started as well to publish books and songbooks. The whole list see button Book Publications. A special series of Publications was the (almost annual) book EXPRESSIE with all the info about the singers, musicians, writers, visual artists, dancers and such of the Netherlands. This moves on at the website: [www.christelijkekunst.org](http://www.christelijkekunst.org). Another important series deals with the annual outcome of the Christian Artists Seminars.

## Today:

Continental Sound Music concentrates today on the following activities:

- bringing out the CD's of Continentals and what is Continental related
- Publication of Songbooks
- Registration of copyrights for any author with the Public Righty Societies, CCLI and such
- Representation in the field of copyrights for other Publishers, Ministries, and such
- Taking care of the collective arrangements of the performing rights which choirs, bands, ensembles, companies have to pay in The Netherlands
- Publications of books related to Continental Sound, Leen La Rivière

Books of Leen La Rivière have been **TRANSLATED** into: Bulgarian, Greec, Italian, Tsjech, Slovak, Hungarian, English, German, French, Polish, Spanish



The Box



Bouwen aan een huis van vriendschap, Continental Kids



The Gospel is True, The Young Continentals



Bezeuge die Wahrheit, German Continentals