



*to the Participants  
of the IX Witold Lutosławski  
International Cello Competition*

*Ladies and Gentlemen*

*I heartily greet the Organizers and Competitors of the IX International Witold Lutosławski Cello Competition and all the present guests. I regret that I will not be able to observe with you the Competition performances and congratulate the winners in person.*

*Meetings such as this Competition are very important and necessary in the world of music. Competitions can successfully promote young and gifted artists who have a chance to present their performances to a wider public and lead to further development of their artistic careers.*

*I sincerely congratulate the Organizers for preparing this musical celebration, the Laureates and every Participant. I am sure that also this time the listeners will be impressed by the beauty and interpretations of cello literature.*

*Anna Komorowska  
Spouse of the President  
of the Republic of Poland*

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