



*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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