



Dear Competitors, Esteemed Listeners,

On the occasion of the VII International Lutosławski Cello Competition in Warsaw I have the pleasure to congratulate the organizers of this event which helps in promoting the development of the talents of young musicians.

The Competition offers the musicians an opportunity to present their own interpretation of the works of their spiritual patron, Witold Lutoslawski, and of many other composers. In the noble competition, through a creative dialogue and artistic inspiration, young artists will provide the listeners with many unforgettable esthetic experiences. Music lovers will have an opportunity to listen to concerts rich in many excellent interpretations of music from different periods by talented, full of enthusiasm young musicians.

The world of music can be created only by artists possessing a special sensitivity and desire to embrace beauty. I want to thank the professors for their efforts in developing the skills and sensitivity to music in their students, and first of all for providing support to their talents and contributing to their development.

The successes of students of music schools are always the source of joy and pride, and the Lutoslawski Competition in Warsaw is an excellent opportunity to present their talents to a wide audience.

I want to thank greatly the organizers; due to their efforts the Competition can take place and fulfill its role in promoting young musicians.

I congratulate all participants and wish them many competition laurels and successes on the most famous music stages of Poland, Europe, and the world.

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