



*Esteemed Members of the Jury, Competitors,
and Guests,*

For years now the International Lutoslawski Cello Competition places prominently among the major cultural events taking place in our capital. The Competition not only glorifies the music of the great composer but also promotes young cellists. Selection of our capital as the place of the event emphasizes many years of achievements in music education in Warsaw and of the Polish cello school in the 20th century.

In the consecutive editions of the Competition the number of its participants and of the listeners increased, increasing the significance of the event in the music world.

I want to congratulate the Foundation for the Promotion of Young Cellists for their valuable initiative in helping in developing young musical talents, and their success in promoting the music of Witold Lutoslawski in the world. I extend my gratitude and appreciation to the Jury of the Competition.

I wish the competitors that their talents and musical sensitivity are appreciated, and I wish the listeners a great and unforgettable experience.

*Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz
Mayor of Warsaw*

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