



*Dear Competition Participants,  
Dear Listeners*

*On the occasion of the VIII Witold Lutosławski International Cello Competition in Warsaw I wish to extend my best wishes and congratulate both the Participants and Organizers.*

*It is satisfying to observe the young cellists' interest in the Competition. I am certain that the Contestants will prove their maturity and idealism in their reception and musical representation of the world. This Competition offers a chance to appreciate the works not only of Witold Lutosławski but also other great composers.*

*I am happy the Audiences will have a chance to participate in fine performances bringing beauty and emotions. Artistic events such as the Witold Lutosławski International Cello Competition in Warsaw enhance the musical world and grant the listeners with the opportunity to appreciate the young artists' talents and exceptional sensitivity.*

*I wish to thank the pedagogues for the support in developing their students' capabilities and sensitivity and creating the best environment for their development.*

*I congratulate all the Participants and Laureates on the Competition. I wish the young musicians will shape the audiences' aesthetic tastes and open a world of true values, filled with emotions and fascinations, in Polish and European concert halls. I wish personal success to everybody.*

*Minister of Culture  
and National Heritage  
Bogdan Zdrojewski*

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