

**12th edition of the Witold Lutosławski International Cello Competition to be held in Warsaw in May 2024!**

*We are happy to announce that, after a several year hiatus, the Witold Lutosławski International Cello Competition is returning to the calendar of major European music events. The upcoming edition of the competition will be organized by the National Institute of Music and Dance, and co-organized by the contest's long-time creators, the Foundation for the Promotion of Young Cellists.*

The official pre-competition meeting featuring the Institute's Directors, as well as the representatives of the Foundation and members of the Jury, to be chaired by Professor Krzysztof Jakowicz, is now behind us. We hope that the combined experience of both institutions and the support of prominent figures in the music community will not only yield an exceptional edition of the competition but also inspire ideas for its continued development. The Honorary Chairman of the Jury will be Professor Kazimierz Michalik, initiator of the competition.

The 12th Witold Lutosławski International Cello Competition will be held May 1-11, 2024 at the Warsaw Philharmonic Hall. Participation in the contest is open to cellists under 30 years of age, with the Jury consisting of distinguished professors and concert musicians from around the world.

The competition program will include all of Witold Lutosławski's cello works, affording participants a unique opportunity to perform his Cello Concerto with the orchestra in the final stage of the contest. The repertoire will also feature works by other composers, including some of the most important and representative cello works in a wide stylistic range, from Baroque to contemporary music.

Details on the competition auditions and its course will be announced in the coming weeks.

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