



This year's International Witold Lutoslawski Cello Competition is already the fifth one, and the second of those co-organised and hosted by Warsaw Philharmonic. It is with great pleasure that I welcome all the participants - young cellists from 20 countries, as well as their teachers and the eminent jury.

What is essential is that young artists have this opportunity to test and compare their abilities, be assessed by authorities in the field, and present themselves to the international audience in Warsaw, while those awarded will also attract the attention of impresarios and concert organisers. I wish you success and perseverance in your work, and I hope to conduct performances by some of you in Warsaw Philharmonic in the future.

*Antoni Wit
The Managing and Artistic Director
of Warsaw Philharmonic*

Warsaw, February 2005