



Ladies and Gentlemen,

it is my great pleasure to welcome in Warsaw the Participants, Jurors and Guests of the V International Witold Lutosławski Cello Competition. The whole creative life of Witold Lutosławski is linked with Warsaw and choosing him as patron of this Competition is symbolic, although the music he has created reaches far beyond Warsaw, Poland and Europe. Lutosławski's music has already become a part of the 20th century classics. This Competition founded three years after Master's death has gained high acclaim worldwide and increases the interest in the Great Artist's music. We are honoured to host in Warsaw eminent cellists – members of the Jury and young participants from all over the world. I wish all the Participants a satisfying and joyful competition appearance and I hope you shall be frequent guests of Warsaw concert halls.

*Lech Kaczyński
Mayor of Warsaw*

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