



*Dear Competitors, honourable Listeners!*

*On the occasion of the V International Witold Lutosławski Cello Competition I wish to express my appreciation for the effort of organizing this Competition which adds greatly to the promotion of young artists and has earned a firm position in the musical life.*

*Every two years young cellists face a challenge participating in a competition whose patron is one of the finest composer personalities in the twentieth century, a great Person and a genius Artist. During the Competition the participants present interpretations of works of different periods. These will demand both artistic discipline and maturity as well as supreme sensitivity. In a refined emulation, through creative dialog and artistic inspiration young musicians will surely deliver unforgettable aesthetic experiences to the audience.*

*I wish to express recognition for the pedagogues whose knowledge and artistry, experience and foremost their engagement were a major support for the young artists.*

*To all participants of the V International Witold Lutosławski Cello Competition I wish success in reaching for the prizes and an unshaking belief in the power of music.*

*Sincerely yours*

*Waldemar Dąbrowski  
Minister of Culture*

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