



Distinguished Guests,

Let me extend a warm welcome to the Jurors and Contestants - lovers of the music of Witold Lutosławski. The VI International Cello Competition dedicated in His honor provides us with one more opportunity to listen to this unusual, unique, and very individual music which made a valuable contribution to the world's music culture.

With each subsequent edition the Competition confirmed its worldwide rank and significance. It is of particular importance that it attracts more and more young artists mesmerized by the beauty of the Maestro's music. We believe that the music will follow them in their future artistic careers.

We are honored by the presence of the distinguished cellists, members of the Jury. Their concerts and recordings, as well as their educational activities contribute to spreading the legacy of Lutosławski all over the world.

Warsaw is proud that it is the city where the Competition's spiritual patron, Witold Lutosławski, lived and composed. I am personally proud of it as a Varsovianer and the President of the Capital City of Warsaw. I wish all Participants excellent performances and the listeners a lot of joyous moments from the meeting with cello music.

*Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz
Mayor of Warsaw*

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