



*Dear Young Friends,
Ladies and Gentlemen*

I am very happy that for the eighth time the Foundation for the Promotion of Young Cellists undertook the valuable initiative promoting young musical talents from Poland, Europe and other continents.

The Foundation together with the honorable Jury deserve the highest recognition for organizing this biannual meeting where young cellists can spread the wings of their artistic skills and get a unique chance to present their talents to a wide audience. It is also a great contribution on the part of the teachers and tutors who care daily for the education of their students and convey all the knowledge and experience.

The Competition evolves with every subsequent edition and spreads the renown of cello repertoire from different historic periods encouraging the young musicians to present their individual interpretations. This event having Witold Lutosławski as its patron has gained a high reputation in the world which is a reason for our pride.

The Competition enables Polish students to compare their achievements with those of their counterparts from other countries serving as inspiration for their development towards musical excellence.

I very much regret not being able to listen and applaud the performances of this year's Competition. I can only wish the finest performances earn the awards and the public will enjoy beautiful and unforgettable musical experiences. Let this Competition help the Laureates open paths to rewarding and satisfying international careers.

*Sincere greetings
Anna Komorowska
Spouse of the President
of the Republic of Poland*

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