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**La Folle Journée**  
**23–26 September 2021, Warsaw  
Sinfonia Varsovia’s headquarters, Teatr Wielki – National Opera, Church of Art Societies**

**As previously announced, the La Folle Journée Festival returns for its 11th edition in 2021 with a load of energy as crazy as ever, but in a slightly different form. Concerts will be held in Sinfonia Varsovia's headquarters in the Praga-Południe district (23–24 September) and the downtown Theatre Square (25–26 September). This year's edition will revolve around the music of Ludwig van Beethoven, whose 250th birthday we celebrated last December.**

Despite the time distance, Beethoven still remains close to us. The composer and his music continue to inspire successive generations and new artists. Alongside the works written by the outstanding musician, the repertoire will also feature pieces inspired by his music. In addition to great piano concertos and symphonies, which we will often hear in unusual arrangements, the program will include chamber pieces and jazz arrangements. Concerts will be accompanied by meetings for the youngest listeners.

We are pleased to welcome soloists from Poland and abroad including Liya Petrova, François-Frédéric Guy, Marcin Masecki, and Paul Lay. The Festival offers audiences the chance to hear Sinfonia Varsovia led by Alexander Liebreich and Bassem Akiki, Sinfonietta Cracovia led by Jurek Dybała, Lutosławski Piano Duo, Trio Owon and Meccore String Quartet.

Last year, the organizers decided to postpone the Festival due to the COVID-19 restrictions and concerns over the health of the audiences and everyone involved. This fall, special precautions will be taken to ensure the safest possible music experience for all.

La Folle Journée continues to fulfil its mission of bringing classical music to the widest possible audience and make concerts more accessible, ensuring the highest quality of performances. Short concerts held from morning till night in multiple venues, a unique atmosphere, and affordable ticket prices – La Folle Journée offers a shared musical experience for everyone.

The concerts will be held in the Sinfonia Varsovia’s headquarters (272 Grochowska Street), the concert halls of the Teatr Wielki **–** National Opera (Theatre Square 1) and the presbytery of the St. Andrew the Apostle and St. Albert Chmielowski Church of Art Societies (18b Senatorska Street).

Tickets will go on sale 1 September 2021. More information coming soon: <https://www.szalonednimuzyki.pl/>