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**Sinfonia Varsovia  
celebrates its 37th anniversary!**

**16 September 2021, 7 PM**

**Teatr Wielki – Polish National Opera, Warsaw**

**Join us for Sinfonia Varsovia’s 37th anniversary concert on the stage of the Teatr Wielki – Polish National Opera. On 16 September, the Orchestra will perform under the baton of maestro Marek Janowski, the German conductor with Polish origins. The program features two masterpieces of European music literature – the *Fourth* symphonies by Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms.**

Over the almost forty years of its existence, Sinfonia Varsovia has played thousands of concerts at the world’s most prestigious concerts halls, recorded hundreds of albums for the largest labels, and worked with the finest conductors and soloists. Sinfonia Varsovia is above all a group of great artists, an internationally acclaimed ensemble with a beautiful, long history going back further than the orchestra's name itself.

It all started with the Polish Chamber Orchestra, which was founded under the Warsaw Chamber Opera in 1972 at the initiative of Jerzy Maksymiuk. However, Sinfonia Varsovia’s birthday fell on a later date, when the orchestra played concerts under the legendary violinist and conductor Yehudi Menuhin in April 1984 and the chamber ensemble was expanded to perform a symphonic repertoire. Soon a new, more appropriate name was given to the larger orchestra – Sinfonia Varsovia.

This year's celebration will take place on an unusual late-summer date. The birthday concert scheduled for April 12 was canceled in the wake of the exacerbating pandemic. The orchestra's recent return to performing in front of a live audience makes this concert a truly unique event, which offers a profound musical experience.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 in B-flat major, Op. 60 is a hidden gem between such giants as Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 55, the heroic *Eroica*, and Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67, with its famous “fate” motif. Despite its pretty gloomy introduction, Symphony No. 4 is one of Beethoven's most serene compositions. It stands in stark contrast to the last of Brahms's symphonies, the masterful Symphony No. 4 in E minor Op. 98. This is a deeply emotional piece stretched between triumphant pathos and melancholy.

The concert is organized in cooperation with the Teatr Wielki – Polish National Opera. Tickets are now on sale! Tickets are priced at 30–110 PLN. For more information, please [follow this link](https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/wydarzenia/koncert-urodzinowy-sinfonii-varsovii-przeniesiony/).