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Press release

**Sinfonia Varsovia’s Anniversary Concert**   
**In Solidarity with Ukraine**

**7 March 2022, 8 PM**

**Teatr Wielki – Polish National Opera  
Warsaw**

**In a spirit of solidarity with our neighbor, which is defending itself against Russian aggression, Sinfonia Varsovia will dedicate its upcoming Anniversary Concert to Ukraine. The event will take place on 7 March 2022 (Monday) at 8 PM at the Teatr Wielki – Polish National Opera. The Orchestra will perform with conductor Aleksandar Markovic and pianist Martín García García.**

“It is difficult to celebrate in the face of what is happening across our eastern border. However, we cannot just sit still. Now is the time to unite and stand by our common values. Music is a vehicle to carry a message of freedom and peace” – said Janusz Marynowski, the director of Sinfonia Varsovia.

The organizers have decided to make a change in the program: Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 will be replaced by Frederic Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21. Martín García García's interpretation of this piece brought him the third prize at the last International Chopin Piano Competition. The skills of this Spanish pianist were also recognized with the first prize at the last year's Cleveland International Piano Competition.

The second part of the concert will feature Robert Schumann's latest Symphony No. 4 in D minor – one of the composer's most innovative pieces – and Krzysztof Penderecki's sorrowful *Chaconne* from his *Polish Requiem* dedicated to the memory of John Paul II. The orchestra will be conducted by the future Principal Guest Conductor of Sinfonia Varsovia, Aleksandar Markovic.

“We are all stunned by the bravery and heroism of Ukrainian men and women defending the independence of their country. We fully support you at this difficult time”, Janusz Marynowski shared his words of appreciation and friendship in a letter to the Ukrainian Ambassador to Poland, Andriy Deshchytsya. The Orchestra's Birthday Concert is one of the highlights of its concert calendar and always attracts a large audience. “That's why we decided to raise funds for a humanitarian aid to Ukraine provided by the Polish Humanitarian Action,” added the director.

For more information about the concert, please visit [Sinfonia Varsovia’s website](https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/anniversary-concert-sinfonia-varsovia-aleksandar-markovic/). Tickets priced at 30–110 PLN are available on the [Teatr Wielki – Polish National Opera website](https://butik.teatrwielki.pl/rezerwacja/numerowane.html?ter_id=2174&ter_idt=b94073a8f3bf832349205660f4036410&extid=4909&wiz_id=81).