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Press release

**22nd Sinfonia Varsovia to Its City Festival   
“In motion” has started  
7–28 June 2022**

**Sinfonia Varsovia**

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**Sinfonia Varsovia invites everyone to its summer festival – Sinfonia Varsovia to Its City. The 22nd edition will feature 12 concerts – orchestral, chamber, and family concerts, as well as electronic, experimental, and jazz performances. Musicians of Sinfonia Varsovia will perform in various ensembles with guest artists from Poland and abroad. The Festival will take place from 7 to 28 June 2022 at the Orchestra's home at 272 Grochowska Street in Warsaw's Kamionek neighborhood. The concerts will be accompanied by 24 music and movement workshops "My Body – My Place – My Music".**

The Festival will open on 7 June and come to an end on 28 June with performances of Sinfonia Varsovia led by Aleksandar Markovic, who was appointed the Orchestra's principal guest conductor in September this year. On 14 June, Jerzy Maksymiuk, the founder and long-term chief conductor of the Polish Chamber Orchestra, Sinfonia Varsovia's predecessor, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, will take the conductor’s stand. The program will include Philip Glass's Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra (7 June), Grażyna Bacewicz's Concerto for String Orchestra, Kazimierz Serocki's Sinfonietta for Two String Orchestras (14 June), and the premiere of Mikołaj Majkusiak's *Bbrass Concerto* commissioned for Sinfonia Varsovia (28 June).

The other concerts of this year's edition will revolve around two national weekends. The Norwegian Weekend will feature concerts with music by Grieg, Svendsen and Zarębski: the family concert *Dragon Strings – Pictures from Arcadia* with the string section of Sinfonia Varsovia and Little Basil (11 June) as well as the chamber concert *Pictures from Norwegian Arcadia* performed jointly by young Polish and Norwegian musicians (12 June). The second national weekend will showcase Ukrainian musicians in a performance of Ukrainian works. In addition to a chamber concert (June 26) and a family concert featuring the Sinfonia Varsovia Wind Quintet and Little Basil (25 June), the program will also include a Charity Concert (24 June, admission free, gathering of the funds for the humanitarian aid for Ukraine), an electronic music performance by Kateryna Zavoloka (25 June) and a jazz performance by the Vitalii Kyianytsia Trio (26 June).

The program will be complemented by two evenings of contemporary music. On 19 June, we will hear Simeon ten Holt's minimalist *Canto Ostinato*; the audience will be allowed to walk in and out at any time during the performance of the piece. The concert is ticketed. The performers include Zuzanna Elster (harp), Magdalena Kordylasinska-Pękala (marimba), Adam Kosmieja (synthesizer), Karol Krasinski (vibraphone), Karol Sikora (bass clarinet), and Martyna Zakrzewska (piano). On 27 June, the Radical Polish Arkestra, led by Hubert Zemler and Maciej Filipczuk, will premiere Filipczuk’s piece, a composition inspired by Roma music and works of Woody Guthrie. Admission is free.

From 4 through 23 June, the "My Body – My Place – My Music" series is held as part of the events accompanying the Festival. The program includes instrumental workshops of batucada (a type of samba), singing and voice emission, playing on marimbas, body percussion, and gymnastic exercises grounded in *movement culture*. Classes for groups of up to 35 participants will be conducted by Miki Wielecki, Justyna Jary, and instructors of the "W Gruncie Ruchu" educational collective.

Regular and reduced tickets for concerts cost 15–30 zł are available online at [www.ebilet.pl](https://www.ebilet.pl/en/muzyka/festiwale/festiwal-sinfonia-varsovia/); on site at Sinfonia Varsovia’s office (Monday through Friday, 10 AM–4 PM); at the box office one hour prior to each concert. Admission to the Radical Polish Arkestra concert held on 27 June is free with a limited number of seats.

Tickets for workshops cost 10 zł and are available at the Sinfonia Varsovia’s office (Monday through Friday, 10 AM–4 PM) and at the box office one hour prior to the start of each event.

For more information about the Festival, please visit our [website](https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/our-events/sinfonia-varsovia-to-its-city-festival/) and [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/sinfoniavarsovia).

