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Press release

**Musethica in Warsaw  
– music that breaks down barriers**

**23–28 October 2023  
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**Musethica will take place in Warsaw for the third time. Classical music performed by outstanding young instrumentalists will resound in a refugee center, special schools, sociotherapy and self-help centers, psychiatric and rehabilitation wards, among other places. The invited artists include world-class musicians and educators – Israeli viola player Avri Levitan and American horn player Stefan de Leval Jezierski, a member of the Scharoun Ensemble and former longtime member of the Berliner Philharmoniker. This year's edition will be held between 23rd and 28th October. Two concerts will be open to the general public, including the final concert on October 28th at the Nowa Miodowa Concert Hall. Admission is free.**

**Musethica** is an international program that combines educational and popularization components with social integration activities. Established in 2012 by violist and educator **Avri Levitan**, it already operates in 12 countries. It focuses on such education of young and talented instrumentalists that their interpretations of chamber music, in addition to high artistic value, are characterized by high communicativeness. The Polish edition of the program has been implemented by **Sinfonia Varsovia** since 2021.

The musicians participating in Musethica prepare a program under the guidance of invited artists-mentors, then perform it in front of special groups of listeners from communities often deprived of the opportunity to attend classical music concerts, including nursing homes, hospitals, social service centers and educational institutions. "Music opens people to emotions that other therapeutic tools cannot touch," says art therapist Wioletta Rybczyk, emphasizing the therapeutic and cognitive qualities of the project.

The close contact between the young artists and the listeners and the opportunity to share each other's impressions after the concert allow both parties to feel the unique power of music and, more broadly, art as a way of communicating and conveying emotions. "Playing in front of the Musethica audience," says oboist Marta Piznal, a participant in the project, "allows me to experience emotions on a deeper level, to share them with the listeners."

The joint concert program will include Ludwig van Beethoven's Septet in E-flat major, Op. 20, as well as a number of other chamber works selected by project participants. Alongside mentors **Avri Levitan** (viola) and **Stefan de Leval Jezierski** (French horn) will perform members of the 12th Sinfonia Varsovia Academy – clarinetists **Krzysztof Galbarczyk** and **Jan Tomaszuk**, Sinfonia Varsovia musicians – violinist **Sławomira Wilga** and double bassist **Mateusz Wadowski,** as well as invited guests: bassoonist **Karolina Mizera** and cellist **Agata Nowak**.

The concerts will take place in various locations across Warsaw – in Kamionek, Grochów, Bielany and Anin, as well as in Laski and Józefów near Warsaw. The artists will perform, among others, at the Long-Term Residential Facility – Żupnicza Branch (11 Żupnicza Street), the Rosa Czacka School and Educational Center for the Blind in Laski (75 Brzozowa Street, Izabelin), Prof. Andrzej Piotrowski Foundation for Community Psychiatry Self-Help Club (30 Kasprowicza Street), the Comprehensive School Complex of the Mazovian Neuropsychiatry Center (127 3 Maja Street, Jozefów), Special Elementary School No. 240 (3 Weterynaryjna Street), the psychiatric wards of Bielański Hospital (80 Cegłowska 80 Street) and the Youth Sociotherapy Center "Kąt" (17 Zorzy Street).

This year's series will close with events open to the general public: a concert at the Mała Sicilia di Stefano Terrazzino cafe on **October 27 at 7:00 p.m.** (19 Kinowa Street) and a final concert at Nowa Miodowa – Concert Hall of the Complex of State Music Schools No. 1 in Warsaw on **October 28 at 12:00 p.m.** (21 Rakowiecka Street). **Admission is free.**

For more information on the project, visit: [www.sinfoniavarsovia.org](https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/poznaj-nasze-wydarzenia/musethica/) and [www.musethica.org](https://www.musethica.org/).

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