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Press release

**Sinfonia Varsovia in autumn**

21st October – 1st December 2023  
Rzeszów – Warsaw – Lusławice

**Sinfonia Varsovia has prepared 9 concerts for its audience this autumn, including as many as 6 free of charge. There will be two premieres: *Laminar Circulations* by Tomasz J. Opałka and *Sny Syreny* (*Dreams of the Siren*) by Dariusz Przybylski. Sinfonia Varsovia and its chamber ensembles (string trio, Sinfonia Varsovia Camerata string quartet, Sinfonia Varsovia String Quintet and Sinfonia Varsovia Wind Quintet) will perform. These ensembles will be hosted in Lusławice, Warsaw and Rzeszów, during, among others, Eufonie Festival and Rzeszów Music Autumn Festival. Soloists include accordionist Maciej Frąckiewicz, violist Katarzyna Budnik, and vocalists Bożena Bujnicka, Agnieszka Rehlis, Rafał Bartmiński, Tomasz Konieczny and Volodymyr Tyshkov.**

**Symphonic concerts**

Sinfonia Varsovia will give two concerts in November in full strength. On **November 5** at 6:00 p.m., conducted by Maciej Tworek, it will premiere at the Krzysztof Penderecki European Center for Music in Lusławice **Dariusz Przybylski’s composition entitled** ***Sny syreny* (*Siren’s Dreams)*** **for symphony orchestra**, a work commissioned under the "Composing Commissions" of the National Institute of Music and Dance. The program also includes Ludwig van Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7 in A major, Op. 92, and Krzysztof Penderecki’s **Viola Concerto**, which will feature the orchestra’s violist **Katarzyna Budnik** in the solo part.

On **November 25 at 7:30 p.m.**, Sinfonia Varsovia will close the **5th International Music Festival of Central and Eastern Europe "Eufonie"**. It will perform **Krzysztof Penderecki’s** ***Utrenja*** at All Saints Church on Plac Grzybowski (Grzybowski Square) in Warsaw, alongside the **National Philharmonic Choir**, the **Poznań Children’s Choir** and soloists **Bożena Bujnicka** (soprano), **Agnieszka Rehlis** (mezzo-soprano), **Rafał Bartmiński** (tenor), **Tomasz Konieczny** (baritone), **Volodymyr Tyshkov** (basso profondo). The ensemble will be conducted by Hungarian conductor, **Zsolt Nagy**.

**Chamber music concerts**

Three Sinfonia Varsovia chamber ensembles will take part in the Music Gardens Foundation’s „Od tria do oktetu” ("From Trio to Octet") series at the Wawer Cultural Center in Warsaw. On **October 21, at 7:00 p.m.**, the **Sinfonia Varsovia Camerata string quartet** consisting of **Adam Siebers** (I violin), **Karolina Gutowska** (II violin), **Mateusz Doniec** (viola), **Krystyna Wiśniewska** (cello) will perform. The repertoire will include string quartets by Edvard Grieg, Grażyna Bacewicz, Franz Schubert and Maurice Ravel. The quartet will repeat the programme on **October 23** at 7:00 p.m. at Henryk Melcer Hall at the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music, and on **October 29** at 7:30 p.m. at the prestigious Hamburger Kammermusikfest International at **Elbphilharmonie Hamburg**.

**On November 17 at 7:00 p.m., the string trio formed on the occasion of the international Polish-Norwegian Interactions/Integrations project, consisting of Karolina Gutowska (violin), Julia Iwanciw-Gąsior (violin, viola), Mateusz Błaszczak (cello), will perform at Wawer. They will present works by Bacewicz, Johann Sebastian Bach, Ernő Dohnányi, Zoltán Kodály, Maks Reger, Jean Silbelius, Pēteris Vasks. The same venue on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. will also host a family concert intended for audiences aged 6 and older, which will wrap up the series. The Sinfonia Varsovia Wind Quintet, consisting of Andrzej Krzyżanowski (flute), Paulina Sochaj (oboe – guest performance), Radosław Soroka (clarinet), Henryk Kowalewicz (French horn), Piotr Kamiński (bassoon) will play. The presented pieces – Camille Saint-Saëns’ *The Carnival of the Animals* and selections from Edvard Grieg’s *Peer Gynt* Suite No. 1 – will be accompanied by a commentary by the narrator, Wojciech Pałęcki. The lineup will be supported on percussion by Piotr Kostrzewa. All events of the series at the Wawer Cultural Center are free of charge (reservation is required).**

The aforementioned wind quintet will also perform in a program for adult audiences at Nowa Miodowa in Warsaw on **October 27** at 6:00 p.m. The program includes works by Ferenc Farkas, Paul Hindemith, Jacques Ibert, Stanisław Moniuszko, Alexander von Zemlinsky and the world premiere of **Tomasz J. Opałka’s *Laminar Circulations***, in which the Sinfonia Varsovia Wind Quintet will be joined by accordionist **Maciej Frąckiewicz**. Admission to the concert is free.

More information about events and how to purchase tickets can be found on the [Sinfonia Varsovia website](https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/).

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# **Saturday, 21 October 2023, 7:00 PM**

***Four for… quartet***

**Wawerskie Centrum Kultury, ul. Żegańska 1A, Warsaw**

Tickets free of charge. More information:

<https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/four-for-quartet/>

<https://wck-wawer.pl/kup-bilet> (in Polish)

Performers:

**Sinfonia Varsovia Camerata:**

**Adam Siebers** I violin

**Karolina Gutowska** II violin

**Mateusz Doniec** viola

**Krystyna Wiśniewska** cello

**Łukasz Strusiński** host

Programme:

**Edvard Grieg** String Quartet No. 2 in F major, EG 117

**Franz Schubert** String QuartetNo. 12 in C minor *Quartettsatz,* D.703

**Maurice Ravel** String Quartet in F major

Saturday, 21.10.2023, 7:00 PM

**7th Rzeszów Music Autumn Festival**

**Priory of the Dominican Friars, ul. Dominikańska 15, Rzeszów**

Admission free. More information:

<https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/vii-rzeszowska-jesien-muzyczna-sinfonia-varsovia-string-quintet/>

<https://spmk.com.pl/projekt/vii-rzeszowska-jesien-muzyczna/> (in Polish)

Performers:

**Sinfonia Varsovia String Quintet:**

**Anna Maria Staśkiewicz** I violin

**Kamil Staniczek** II violin

**Katarzyna Budnik** viola

**Marcel Markowski** cello

**Michał Sobuś** double bass

Program:

**Krzysztof Penderecki**String Quintet *Leaves from an Unwritten Diary*(version of String Quintet No. 3)

**Luigi Boccherini** String Quintet in C major, Op. 28 No. 4, G.310

**Witold Lutosławski** *Five Folk Melodies* for string orchestra (version for string quintet)

Monday, 23 October 2023, 7:00 PM

**Henryk Melcer Hall, Fryderyk Chopin University of Music, ul. Okólnik 2, Warsaw**

Tickets free of charge. More information:

<https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/sinfonia-varsovia-camerata/>

<https://chopin.edu.pl/event-details/770>

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**Mateusz Doniec** viola

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Programme:

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**Grażyna Bacewicz** String Quartet No. 4

**Franz Schubert** String QuartetNo. 12 in C minor *Quartettsatz,* D.703

**Maurice Ravel** String Quartet in F major

Friday, 27 October 2023, 6:00 PM

**Nowa Miodowa, ul. Rakowiecka 21, Warsaw**

Admission free. More information:

<https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/sinfonia-varsovia-wind-quintet-maciej-frackiewicz/>

<https://nowamiodowa.pl/pl/wydarzenie/maciej-frackiewcz-sinfonia-varsovia-wind-quintet> (in Polish)

Performers:

**Maciej Frąckiewicz** accordion

**Sinfonia Varsovia Wind Quintet**:

**Andrzej Krzyżanowski** flute

**Arkadiusz Krupa** oboe

**Radosław Soroka** clarinet

**Henryk Kowalewicz** French horn

**Piotr Kamiński** bassoon

Programme:

**Ferenc Farkas** *Régi magyar táncok a 17. századból* (*Early Hungarian Dances from the 17th Century*) for wind quintet

**Stanisław Moniuszko** *Highlanders’ Dances from the* opera *Halka* (arr. for wind quintet Piotr Kamiński)

**Paul Hindemith** Kleine Kammermusik, Op. 24 No. 2 for wind quintet

**Alexander von Zemlinsky** *Humoreske* (*Rondo*) for wind quintet

**Jacques Ibert** Trois pièces brèves for wind quintet

**Tomasz J. Opałka** *Laminar Circulations* for wind quintet and accordion\*

\* world premiere – Sinfonia Varsovia commission in the frame of National Institute of Music and Dance “Composing Commissions” Programme

Sunday, 29 October 2023, 7:30 PM

**Hamburger Kammermusikfest International**

**Chamber Hall, Elbphilharmonie, Platz d. Deutschen Einheit 4, Hamburg, Germany**

More information:

<https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/sinfonia-varsovia-camerata-hamburger-kammermusikfest-international/>

<http://www.kulturbeauftragte.de/kammermusikfest/termin.php?termin=37>

Performers:

**Adam Siebers** I violin

**Karolina Gutowska** II violin

**Mateusz Doniec** viola

**Krystyna Wiśniewska** cello

Programme:

**Edvard Grieg** String Quartet No. 2 in F major, EG 117

**Grażyna Bacewicz** String Quartet No. 4

**Franz Schubert** String QuartetNo. 12 in C minor *Quartettsatz,* D.703

**Maurice Ravel** String Quartet in F major

Sunday, 5 November 2023, 6:00 PM

**Autumn Season in Lusławice**

**Concert Hall, The Krzysztof Penderecki European Centre for Music, Lusławice**

More information:

<https://www.bilety24.pl/koncert/1155-koncert-sinfonia-varsovia-95575>

Performers:

**Katarzyna Budnik** viola

**Sinfonia Varsovia**

**Maciej Tworek** conductor

Programme:

**Dariusz Przybylski** *Sny syreny* (*Siren’s Dreams*) for symphonic orchestra \*

**Krzysztof Penderecki** Concerto for Viola and Orchestra

**Ludwig van Beethoven** Symphony No. 7 in A major, Op. 92

\* world premiere – Sinfonia Varsovia commission in the frame of National Institute of Music and Dance “Composing Commissions” Programme

# **Friday, 17 November 2023, 7:00 PM**

***One, Two, Three – Dances for Strings***

**Wawerskie Centrum Kultury, ul. Żegańska 1A, Warsaw**

Tickets free of charge. More information:

<https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/dances-for-strings/>

<https://wck-wawer.pl/kup-bilet> (in Polish)

Performers:

**Karolina Gutowska** violin

**Julia Iwanciw-Gąsior violin, viola**

**Mateusz Błaszczak cello**

**Łukasz Strusiński** host

**Programme:**

**Johann Sebastian Bach** *Gigue* (mov. VI) from Cello Suite No. 2 in D minor, BWV 1008

**Max Reger** *Vivace* (mov. II) from Suite No. 3 in E minor, Op. 131d for viola solo

**Grażyna Bacewicz** *Polish Caprice* for violin solo

**Pēteris Vasks** *Summer Dances* for two violins (selection: mov. I–IV, VI)   
**Jean Sibelius** *Prelude*, *Andante con moto*, *Gigue* (mov. I, II, IV) from Suite for String Trio in A major

**Zoltán Kodály** *Intermezzo* for string trio

**Ernő Dohnányi** *Marcia. Allegro* and *Rondo (Finale). Allegro vivace* (mov. I, V) from Serenade for String Trio in C major, Op. 10

Saturday, 25 November 2023, 7:30 PM

**5th International Music Festival of Central and Eastern Europe "Eufonie"**

**All Saints Church, pl. Grzybowski 3/5, Warsaw**

More information: <https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/festival-eufonie-2023/>

Performers:

**Bożena Bujnicka** soprano

**Agnieszka Rehlis** mezzosoprano

**Rafał Bartmiński** tenor

**Tomasz Konieczny** baritone

**Volodymyr Tyshkov** basso profondo

**Warsaw Philharmonic Choir**

**Bartosz Michałowski** choir director

**Poznan Boys' Choir**

**Jacek Sykulski** choir director

**Sinfonia Varsovia**

**Zsolt Nagy** conductor

Programme:

**Krzysztof Penderecki** *Utrenja*

# **Friday, 1 December 2023, 7:00 PM**

***Carnival of the Animals***

**Family concert (6+ yrs)**

**Wawerskie Centrum Kultury, ul. Żegańska 1A, Warsaw**

Tickets free of charge. More information:

<https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/events/carnival-animals/>

<https://wck-wawer.pl/kup-bilet> (in Polish)

Performers:

**Sinfonia Varsovia Wind Quintet:**

**Andrzej Krzyżanowski** flute  
**Paulina Sochaj** oboe  
**Radosław Soroka** clarinet  
**Henryk Kowalewicz** French horn  
**Piotr Kamiński** bassoon

**Piotr Kostrzewa** percussion

**Wojciech Pałęcki** narrator

**Łukasz Strusiński** host

Programme:

**Edvard Grieg** *Peer Gynt* Suite No. 1, Op. 46 (selection; arr. for wind quintet Joachim Linckelmann)

**Camille Saint-Saëns** *The Carnival of the Animals* (arr. for wind quintet and percussion Andreas N. Tarkmann)