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Press release

**Pinchas Zukerman in Warsaw  
– 40 years of Sinfonia Varsovia**

**25 March 2024, 7:00 PM**

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

**Sinfonia Varsovia will perform again under the direction of American-Israeli violinist Pinchas Zukerman, following the success of last year’s joint tour of Spain. He will perform Mozart’s Violin Concerto No. 5 as soloist, and orchestrate the ensemble in Felix Mendelssohn’s *Italian* Symphony as well as Edward Elgar’s Serenade for Strings. The concert on March 25 at the Teatr Wielki - Polish National Opera will be a part of the orchestra’s 40th anniversary celebrations.**

Pinchas Zukerman performed with Sinfonia Varsovia a year ago in April in the dual role of soloist and conductor as a result of a peculiar coincidence. Japanese conductor Tatsuya Shimono, who was leading the ensemble at that time, had to cancel at the last minute his participation in a planned tour of Spain due to health problems that suddenly manifested themselves during rehearsals with Sinfonia Varsovia in Warsaw. Zukerman agreed to replace Shimono so that the upcoming tour could take place. The success of the tour determined the establishment of further concert cooperation between the violinist and the ensemble.

With an impressive career encompassing five decades, Pinchas Zukerman reigns as one of today’s most sought-after and versatile musicians – violin and viola soloist, conductor, and chamber musician. He is renowned as a virtuoso, admired for the expressive lyricism of his playing, singular beauty of tone, and impeccable musicianship, which can be heard throughout his discography of over 100 albums for which he gained two Grammy® awards and 21 nominations.

As a mentor he has inspired generations of young musicians who have achieved prominence in performing, teaching, and leading roles with music festivals around the globe. Zukerman has received honorary doctorates from Brown University, Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario, and the University of Calgary, as well as the National Medal of Arts from president Ronald Reagan. He is a recipient of the Isaac Stern Award for Artistic Excellence in Classical Music.

Tickets for the concert are available for purchase on the website: [Teatr Wielki - Polish National Opera](https://teatrwielki.pl/kalendarium/2023-2024/40-lat-sinfonii-varsovii-pinchas-zukerman/?_gl=1*elumu3*_gcl_au*MjAwOTg1OTQ3NS4xNzA5NDk1MDk0*_ga*MTI4NTM3MDc2OS4xNzA5NDk1MDk1*_ga_51NC8D3GEC*MTcxMzA4NTA1OC4yLjEuMTcxMzA4NTA2NS4wLjAuMA..).

For more information about Sinfonia Varsovia’s 40th anniversary celebration, visit: [https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/40-lat-sinfonia-varsovia](https://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/sinfonia-varsovia-40-years/).

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April 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of violinist and conductor **Yehudi Menuhin’s** concertswith the orchestra established for the occasion, which was soon to be named **Sinfonia Varsovia**. As its first guest conductor, the maestro was to conduct about 300 concerts from then until his final tour. Over the years, other great personalities have become associated with the ensemble, such as **Marc Minkowski, Nigel Kennedy and Krzysztof Penderecki**, who co-led Sinfonia Varsovia for nearly a quarter of a century as its music director and later as its artistic director.

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**Monday, March 25, 2024, 7:00 PM**

The Teatr Wielki – Polish National Opera

Performers:

**Pinchas Zukerman** conductor, violin

**Sinfonia Varsovia**

Programme:

**Edward Elgar** Serenade for String Orchestra in E minor, Op.20 [12’]

I. *Allegro piacevole*

II. *Larghetto*

III. *Allegretto*

**Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart** Violin Concerto No. 5 in A major, K. 219 [31’]

I. *Allegro aperto*  
II. *Adagio*  
III. *Rondeau: Tempo di menuetto*

intermission

**Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy** Symphony No. 4 in A major, Op. 90 *Italian* [27’]

I. *Allegro vivace*  
II. *Andante con moto*  
III. *Con moto moderato*  
IV. *Saltarello: Presto*

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