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Press release

**Sinfonia Varsovia at the  
20th International Chopin and his Europe   
Music Festival**

**21 August 2024, 8:30 PM  
30 August 2024, 5:00 PM  
1 September 2024, 8:30 PM**

**Warsaw Philharmonic**

**Sinfonia Varsovia will perform three times during the 20th anniversary International Music Festival Chopin and his Europe. The program will include two world premieres: *Four Hevelian Dances* for orchestra by Paweł Szymański and the Piano Concerto *In the Garden of Affection* by Jerzy Maksymiuk. The concertante works by Chopin, Lutosławski, Mozart and Maksymiuk will feature Louis Lortie, Piotr Paleczny, Dan Thai Son, Eric Lu, Sophia Liu and Janusz Olejniczak at the piano. The orchestra will be conducted by Jacek Kaspszyk, Martijn Dendievel and Jerzy Maksymiuk.**

On Wednesday, August 21 at 8:30 pm, Sinfonia Varsovia will perform two piano concertos at the Warsaw Philharmonic Concert Hall: Frederic Chopin’s (soloist: **Piotr Paleczny**) and Witold Lutosławski’s (soloist: **Louis Lortie**), as well as Serenade For Orchestra by Mieczysław Weinberg and **the world premiere of Paweł Szymański's *Four Hevelian Dances* orchestral version**. The piece was written in 2011 and was originally intended for large organ and two positive organs. Sinfonia Varsovia, under the baton of **Jacek Kaspszyk**, will perform the premiere of the author’s arrangement of the *Dances* for symphonic ensemble.

**Dang Thai Son, Eric Lu and Sophia Liu** will accompany the orchestra in Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s Concerto in F major for three pianos during Friday’s concert on August 30 at 5:00 pm. In addition, less than 16-year-old pianist **Sophia Liu** will perform with Sinfonia Varsovia a youthful concert piece by Frederic Chopin – Variations *Là ci darem la mano*. The program will be completed by Mieczysław Karłowicz’s symphonic poem *The Eternal Songs* and Joseph Haydn’s Symphony No. 38 *Echo*. **Martijn Dendievel** will conduct the concert.

On September 1 at 8:30 pm Sinfonia Varsovia will perform **the world premiere of *In the Garden of Affection*. *Music for Piano and Large Orchestra*** by Jerzy Maksymiuk, conducted by the composer, and featuring pianist **Janusz Olejniczak** as soloist. We will also hear *Leaves Somewhere Falling* for piano and orchestra by Maksymiuk and Symphony No. 5 by Jean Sibelius. The concert will be broadcast live on Polish Radio Program 2, as well as in video form on the Fryderyk Chopin Institute’s [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@chopininstitute), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/p/Narodowy-Instytut-Fryderyka-Chopina-100069819969917/?locale=pl_PL) and Weibo channels.

For more information about the program, artists and broadcasts, visit the festival website: [https://festiwal.nifc.pl/en](https://festiwal.nifc.pl/en/)

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