

*Programme of the concert
on the occasion
of the National Independence Day
of the Republic of Poland*

Larnaka, 5th of November 2022



Embassy
of the Republic of Poland
in Nicosia

Szanowni Państwo,

Witam Państwa w ten listopadowy wieczór, aby wspólnie świętować 104. rocznicę odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości. Cieszę się, że udało mi się dotrzymać danego słowa, aby corocznie obchodzić to święto w innym cypryjskim mieście. Po Nikozji w 2018 r., Limassol w 2019 r. i Pafos w 2021 r. przyszedł czas na Larnakę. Dziękuję panu burmistrzowi Andreasowi Vyrasowi za gościnę i wsparcie przy organizacji dzisiejszego wydarzenia.

11 listopada składamy hołd tym wszystkim, którzy przyczynili się do odzyskania przez Polskę niepodległości po 123 latach zaborów. Doceniamy dorobek wybitnych „Ojców Niepodległości”, ale także milionów zwykłych Polaków, dzięki którym nasz kraj na nowo powstał i obronił swoją suwerenność. W tym roku nasze myśli kierujemy również w stronę Ukrainy, od ponad ośmiu miesięcy bohatersko walczącej z rosyjskim agresorem. Chwała Ukrainie! Слава Україні!

Serdecznie zapraszam do wysłuchania koncertu fortepianowego w wykonaniu pianisty Wojciecha Waleczka, który zaprezentuje nam dzieła Fryderyka Chopina i współczesnego kompozytora Davida Pentecosta oraz aranżacje znanych nam wszystkim utworów zespołu The Beatles.

Irena Lichnerowicz-Augustyn

*Ambassador Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
w Republice Cypryjskiej*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On this November evening it is my pleasure to welcome you to celebrate together the 104th anniversary of Poland regaining its independence. I am very glad that I kept my promise to organize these celebrations every year in different Cypriot city. After Nicosia in 2018, Limassol in 2019 and Paphos in 2021, now it is time for Larnaka. I would like to thank Mayor Andreas Vyras for his hospitality and valuable support.

On November 11th we pay tribute to all those, thanks to whom Poland regained its independence after 123 years of partitions. We admire the achievements of outstanding politicians, “Fathers of Independence”, but also of millions of ordinary Poles who made it possible that our country re-emerged and defended its sovereignty. This year our thoughts are also directed towards Ukraine which for over eight months has been fighting heroically against the Russian aggressor. Glory to Ukraine! Слава Україні!

I cordially invite you to listen to the piano concert by Wojciech Waleczek who will perform the pieces of Fryderyk Chopin and the contemporary composer David Pentecost, as well as the arrangements of famous songs of The Beatles.

Irena Lichnerowicz-Augustyn

*Ambassador of the Republic of Poland
to the Republic of Cyprus*

Programme

Fryderyk Chopin

Variations Brillantes, op. 12

Romance from The Piano Concerto No. 1

(arrangement for piano solo – Wojciech Waleczek)

3 Waltzes, op. 34

David Pentecost

Reverie

The Beatles` greatest hits in arrangement for piano solo by Kamil Pawłowski

Yesterday

She loves you

Imagine

Obladi, Oblada

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts
Club Band

Something

Penny Lane

Eleanor Rigby

Strawberry Fields Forever

Don't let me down



Wojciech Waleczek is recognized internationally as a pianist with uncompromisingly high standards in performance. Artist, born in 1980, has been pursuing a robust concert career playing as soloist with symphonic orchestras, solo piano recitals and chamber music concerts in numerous countries in Europe, Asia and both Americas. Apart from concert activity he works as a Professor at the University of Silesia in Katowice.

Wojciech Waleczek has graduated from the Academy of Music in Katowice, Poland in a piano class of Prof. Zbigniew Raubo in 2003. He received the degrees of Doctor of Arts and Habilitated Doctor of Arts from the Academy of Music in Bydgoszcz, Poland (2014 and 2017) as well as the title of Professor of Arts from the President of the Republic of Poland (2022).

He was awarded the Decoration of Honor "Meritorious for Polish Culture" by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage in 2017, the Honorary Badge for Merits for the Silesian Voivodeship from the Silesian Council in 2018 and the Bronze Cross of Merit by the President of the Republic of Poland in 2019.

Awards:

- The 3rd prize and The Arthur Rubinstein Prize at the 2nd International Competition for Young Pianists "Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam" in Bydgoszcz, Poland (1996),
- The 3rd prize at the 7th F. Liszt International Piano Competition "Premio Mario Zanfi" in Parma, Italy (2000),
- The 3rd prize at the 6th International Piano Seiler Competition in Palermo, Italy (2005),
- The 3rd prize at the 3rd F. Liszt International Piano Competition in Wrocław, Poland (2005).

Discography:

- F. Liszt - Violin and Piano Music (Voytek Proniewicz - violin), Naxos (2014),
- F. Liszt - Grandes études de Paganini, Transcendental études de Paganini, Capriccio (2017),
- F. Liszt - Harmonies poétiques et religieuses, Naxos (2019),
- F. Schubert - Rarities and Short Piano Works, Naxos (2021).

More info about the artist available at www.waleczek.com