

## MATEUSZ SMOCZYŃSKI – Jazz, improvisation, World Music (26.07-04.08)

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Mateusz Smoczyński - jazz violinist, composer, graduate of the Music Academy. Fryderyk Chopin in Warsaw in the class of Andrzej Gębski. Since 2017, he has been teaching the jazz violin at the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music in Warsaw. Winner of the 2nd International Jazz Violin Competition Zbigniew Seifert. In the Jazz Top ranking of the Jazz Forum magazine, he is repeatedly recognized as the jazz violinist of the year. He collaborated with artists such as: Branford Marsalis, Bobby McFerrin, Gil Goldstein, Richie Beirach, Glen Moore, Rabih Abou-Khalil, Zbigniew Namysłowski, Tomasz Stańko, Urszula Dudziak, Vladislav Sendecki, Leszek Możdżer, Jerzy Maksymiuk, Natalia Kukulska, Anna Maria Jopek, Monika Borzym, Grzech Piotrowski and Sebastian Karpiel Bułeczka. He has recorded over one hundred albums. Multiple scholarship holder in the "Young Poland" program. He is the author of the violin concert "Adam's Apple", the premiere of which took place in November 2018 at the NOSPR, and the concert for violin, saxophone and orchestra "2PiX" (2021). As a soloist, he performed with the National Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra conducted by Andrzej Boreyko. Together with Joachim Kühn, Bronisław Suchanek, Janusz Stefański and Bohdan Jarmołowicz, he took part in the world premiere of Zbigniew Seifert's jazz concert. In 2020, the album "Speaking Sound" was released, recorded in a duet with Joachim Kühn for the prestigious German label ACT Music. This album was recognized by DownBeat magazine as one of the most important albums of the year. Mateusz Smoczyński forms a duo with one of the greatest cellists in the world - Stephan Braun, he is the leader of the quintet, a member of the New Trio and the co-founder of the Atom String Quartet, with which he won the Bielska Zadymka Jazzowa competition in 2011. During the 10 years of its activity, ASQ received four Fryderyk awards (two in the categories of classical and jazz music). In 2012-2016, Mateusz Smoczyński was the first violinist in the American Turtle Island Quartet (winners of two Grammy Awards). In 2013, the quartet took part in the recording of the album "After Blue" by singer Tierney Sutton. The album was nominated for a Grammy. A year later, the band's original album - "Confetti Man", which was recognized by the National Federation of Music Clubs as the best American chamber recording of the year, had its premiere.