

## Professor WIESŁAW KWAŚNY



Violinist and teacher. A long-time concertmaster of the most important orchestral groups in Poland. Born in Krakow, he graduated with honors from the local Academy of Music in the class of prof. Eugenia Umińska. He also studied at the Yale School of Music. He is a laureate of competitions: in Lisbon (5th prize and H. Szeryng special prize), in Naples (3rd prize), North Carolina Symphony (2nd prize), G.B. Dealy in Dallas (1st prize).

He was the concertmaster of the PRiTV Orchestra in Krakow, then the soloist and concertmaster of the Jerzy Maksymiuk Polish Chamber Orchestra and the Sinfonia Varsovia orchestra, as well as the Krakow

Philharmonic Orchestra. Giving concerts with the above-mentioned bands, he performed in Poland and abroad - with the most outstanding artists, conductors and instrumentalists: Yehudi Menuhin, Mścisław Rostropowicz, Justus Frantz, Krystian Zimerman, Jerzy Maksymiuk, Peter Schreier. With the above-mentioned orchestras, over 20 years he performed over 1,200 concerts on all continents, in the largest and most prestigious concert halls. Wiesław Kwaśny also performs as a soloist as a violinist and violist with symphony and chamber orchestras. As a violist, he performed many times with prof. Kaja Danczowska. He has made numerous recordings for Polish Radio and Television, as well as CD recordings. He is a professor at the Academy of Music in Krakow, and also teaches in secondary schools. His students won several first places in domestic and foreign violin competitions. He was a guest professor in Mainz and also conducts summer master classes. He is a juror in many violin competitions.