

Professor SZYMON KRZESZOWIEC (4-7.08.)



Renowned violinist, soloist, and chamber musician. He graduated from the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music in Katowice, where he studied with Professor Roman Lasocki, and from the Conservatorium van Amsterdam, where he studied with Professor Herman Krebbers. He is a laureate of violin competitions in Poznań (Zdzisław Jahnke), Warsaw (Tadeusz Wroński), and Brescia (Italy), as well as first prize winner at chamber music competitions in Copenhagen and Sondershausen (with the Aristos string trio). He has performed solo with leading Polish orchestras, such as the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra, Sinfonia Varsovia, and most of the country's philharmonic orchestras.

Since 2001, he has been the first violinist of the Silesian Quartet, with which he regularly performs worldwide. The ensemble has won numerous prestigious awards and distinctions, including ten Fryderyk Awards, a Gramophone Classical Music Award for the recording of the complete string quartets by Grażyna Bacewicz (2017), and the Koryphaeus of Polish Music (2019). The artist collaborates regularly with pianist Wojciech Świtą, with whom he recorded the complete violin sonatas of Johannes Brahms for Sony Classical Poland. He is also a member of the Weinberg Trio. His credits include over 50 solo and chamber music albums, and recordings featuring him have been released on labels such as EMI Music Poland, ECM, Chandos, Denon, Naxos, BIS, CD Accord, DUX, and Dacapo. Szymon Krzeszowiec heads the Department of String Instruments and teaches the violin class at his alma mater. He oversees the artistic direction of the Zakopane Academy of Art and the Mieczysław Weinberg International Violin Competition in Katowice. He is frequently invited to serve on juries at national and international violin competitions.