Professor KATARZYNA BUDNIK – viola (4-9.02.2027)



A graduate of the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music in Warsaw in the violin class of Professors Mirosław Ławrynowicz, Andrzej Gebski and Janusz Wawrowski as well as the viola class of Professor Piotr Reichert. She is assistant professor with first-degree qualification in the viola class at the University of Music in Warsaw. Since February 2014 she has been Principal Viola of the Sinfonia Varsovia. September 2013 she was awarded the 3rd prize at the ARD International Music Competition in Munich, one of the most prestigious classical music competitions in the world. She has performed with success at numerous competitions, such as: the 47th Beethoven's Hradec Musical Competition (The Czech Republic, 2008, 1st prize), 15th International Johannes Brahms Competition in Pörtschach (Austria, 2008, 1st prize), 8th National Jan Rakowski Viola Competition (Poznań, 2008, 1st prize), International Max Rostal Competition in Berlin (Germany, 2009, 2nd prize), International Max Reger Chamber Music Competition in Sondershausen (Germany, 2009, 2nd prize and special prize for the best performance of Max Reger Suite for viola solo) as well as the 4th Michał Spisak International Competition in Dąbrowa Górnicza (Poland, 2010, 2nd prize and the Special Prize for the best performance of compulsory piece). As a soloist and chamber musician she has given concerts in Poland and other European countries. In 2010 she participated in the Chamber Music Connects the World project, organized by the Kronberg Academy, where she performed along with such distinguished musicians as Gidon Kremer, Tatjana Grindenko, Yuri Bashmet and Frans Helmerson. She has played at many prestigious festivals, including the Music Festival in Lancut, International Chamber Music Festival "Music on the Heights" in Zakopane or Kammermusikfest Lockenhaus (to which she was invited by Gidon Kremer). For her excellence she received scholarships of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage and the "Young Poland" scholarship programme.