

Great names, new friendships and music tales. Check what the new season in NOSPR holds for you.

It is going to be one of the most exciting seasons in the history of the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra in Katowice. The programme for the next nine months teems with concerts of the world greatest stars, some fascinating music stories and an entirely new format of artistic events.

The beginning of this season is marked with striking new relations and creating fresh space for a dialogue with our audience. With the September concert tour to Bucharest we inaugurated our co-operation with maestro Lawrence Foster as the new artistic director and the principle conductor of NOSPR. Soon we are going to make new friends who will bring us all a lot of artistic emotions - says Ewa Bogusz Moore, the general and programme director of NOSPR.

The programme of the season, prepared together with Lawrence Foster, has been built around four main themes which bind individual concerts into elaborated tales. The music world celebrations of 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven's birth will be a great opportunity to view his work through a lens of his string quartets in some of the best interpretations. We are also confident that meeting two romantic giants - Ferenc Liszt and Robert Schumann will be a truly emotional experience for us. The third theme focuses on exotic sounds of Brazilian and Japanese music. The September anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, on the other hand, initiated a cycle of concert called 'For life and death'.

One of the most anticipated highlights of the season is an October concert (24.10.2019) where Sir Simon Rattle will not appear with his usual baton, but at the piano instead, alongside Magdalena Kožená, one of the most distinguished mezzos of our time, and a chamber ensemble featuring only the finest musicians. Also concerts of Orchestre des Champs-Élysées and Collegium Vocale Gent under Philippe Herreweghe (7.02.2020), and Bach Collegium Japan conducted by Masaaki Suzuki (6.03.2020) are set to be truly spectacular events. We are looking forward to three subscription concerts under a baton of Domingo Hindoyan, who has taken a post of the 1st guest conductor of NOSPR. There will also return our very popular concert series of the resident

ensembles - Orkiestra Muzyki Nowej (New Music Orchestra) , Aukso, Kwartet Śląski (Silesian Quartet), Camerata Silesia, {oh!} Orkiestra Historyczna and the Polish Radio Choir. As always there is a very special place for our jazz concerts, which are organized this year under a new series label - JazzKLUB. We will hear absolute giants in the field such as Wynton Marsalis (23.03.2020), as well as some young and exceptionally talented artists such as Kuba Więcek (23.06.2020) or Adam Bałdych (19.11.2019).

This year a new offer is awaiting the NOSPR audience - *My Carnet* gives you a possibility to plan your concerts in a better way arranging your own packet of tickets for concerts of *Ancient Music*, *JazzKLUB*, *Chamber ensembles of the NOSPR* and a cycle *Masterfully* as well as for a series of concerts by resident ensembles. Buying 5 or 8 tickets for concerts in one of the halls you can get up to 15% off the ticket price.

We are looking forward to making new artistic friendships and meeting new challenges. We hope the events we have planned for this season will give you unforgettable music experiences. I believe there is something special for everybody in our repertoire - something to move you, to thrill you or simply to give you a good time. - says the Director of NOSPR, Ewa Bogusz-Moore.