

PRESS RELEASE

## PIANO RECITAL WOJCIECH WALECZEK

**Thursday 12 April 2018  
The Shoe Factory, Nicosia / 8.30pm**

**The Pharos Arts Foundation, in collaboration with the Embassy of Poland in Cyprus, presents a recital with Wojciech Waleczek – one of Poland's most promising pianists of the younger generation. Recognised as an artist of uncompromising quality, Wojciech Waleczek claimed his first public victory at the age of 16, when he won the Third Prize of the International Competition for Young Pianists "Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam", and he has been enjoying a busy career as a recitalist, chamber musician and soloist with orchestras all over the world ever since. The concert, on Thursday 12 April 2018, at The Shoe Factory, Nicosia, is part of the celebrations for Poland's 100th anniversary of independence, and will include works by Chopin, Lutosławski, Paderewski, Schumann and Liszt.**

### PROGRAMME:

**Robert Schumann:** *Arabeske in C major, Op.18*

**Frédéric Chopin:** *Variations brillantes in B-flat major, Op.12*

**Frédéric Chopin:** *Romanze & Rondo from the Piano Concerto No.1, Op.11 (arrangement for solo piano by Wojciech Waleczek)*

Interval

**Ignacy Jan Paderewski:** *Humoresques de Concert, Op.14*

**Frédéric Chopin:** *"Valse brillante" in A minor, Op.34, No.2*

**Witold Lutosławski:** *Bucolics for piano*

**Franz Liszt:** *Étude No.6 in A minor (from Grandes études de Paganini, S.141)*

### **WOJCIECH WALECZEK piano**

Recognised as an artist of uncompromising quality, pianist Wojciech Waleczek has been enjoying a busy career as a recitalist, chamber musician and soloist with orchestras all over the world. He has appeared throughout Europe and the US, and in countries such as Canada, Japan, Argentina, Jordan, Tunisia and Algeria and, he has performed a soloist with a number of notable orchestras including the Polish Radio Orchestra in Warsaw, Kalisz Philharmonic Orchestra, Karlovy Vary Symphony Orchestra, Kielce Symphony Orchestra, Beethoven Academy Orchestra in Cracow, Symphonic Orchestra of Academic Theatre in Brest under the baton of esteemed conductors such as Mirosław Jacek Błaszczyk, Lukasz Borowicz, Kai Bumann, Gabriel Chmura.

Waleczek's first public victory was claimed at the age of 16, when he won the Third Prize of the International Competition for Young Pianists "Arthur Rubinstein in memoriam" as well as the Special Prize of the Kościuszko Foundation in New York. He has been a prize winner in several international competitions ever since, including, the 6th International Piano Seiler Competition in Palermo, the 7th Franz Liszt International Piano Competition "Premio Mario Zanfi" in Parma and 3rd Franz Liszt International Piano Competition in Wrocław. Most recently, he has received the "Meritorious for Polish Culture" Decoration of Honour from the Polish Minister of Culture and National Heritage.

Born in 1980, Wojciech Waleczek studied in the piano class of Prof. Zbigniew Raubo at the Academy of Music in Katowice, and graduated in 2003 with distinction. He continued his studies with Prof. Lee Kum-Sing at the Vancouver Academy of Music in Canada, and thereafter received a Doctor of Arts and a Habilitated Doctor of Arts from the Academy of Music in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Waleczek's discography includes an album with Liszt music for violin and piano, recorded with violinist Voytek Proniewicz, and released on Naxos in 2014. Most recently, he has released an album with Liszt's Grandes Etudes de Paganini and Transcendental Etudes after Paganini, on the Austrian record label Capriccio. Beside his concert activities, Wojciech Waleczek works as an Assistant Professor at the Music Institute of the University of Silesia.

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**Tickets:** €15 / €10 Concessions & members of the Pharos Arts Foundation,

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