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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

We would like to recommend one of the most talented Polish pianists, Mr. Konrad Skolarski, born in Warsaw, in 1980.

The pianist is known for his extraordinary technique and recognizable own style of interpretations, as well as for interesting and sophisticated piano repertoire. Recently he has performed the Polish premiere of Rodion Shchedrin 1st Piano concerto with the National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Katowice under the baton of Alexander Humala. In 2017 Konrad Skolarski gave recitals and masterclass in Buenos Aires, receiving enthusiastic reviews. In November 2017 Mr. Skolarski gave a very successful tour in the United States, performing recitals in New York and Buffalo, as well as the 2nd Chopin piano concerto with Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Maestra JoAnn Falletta. His performance of Chopin 2nd concerto there was acclaimed a "revelation" and a "hit" and was included in the CD of Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Konrad Skolarski has been a student of world-famous pianist and pedagogue, Prof. Pavel Gililov, who says about the artists: *It is very seldom to hear a musician who can conjure up such lush, singing and richly shaded sound. (...) His lyrical-dramatic interpretations are very personal and one will remember and recognize them even from thousand other pianists.*

Mr. Skolarski has been also a student of legendary Prof. Peter Feuchtwanger in London, who has worked with many distinguished pianists, including Martha Argerich, Nelson Freire or Shura Cherkassky.

In 2012 his solo CD with Rachmaninov, Scriabin and Prokofiew was awarded by the international music critics – Diapason "5" Award.

Konrad Skolarski gave concerts in Germany (Klavierfestival Ruhr), Czech Republic, Spain, Serbia, Belgium, Switzerland, Turkey, Argentina, United States of America, Great Britain, Japan. After his recital at the 20th Ludwig van Beethoven Easter Festival in Warsaw MDR Figaro said: "He sounds like young Sviatoslav Richter".

We highly recommend Mr. Konrad Skolarski as a concert pianist.

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