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ANTONI WIT Conductor

Summary & Background

- One of Poland's most highly regarded conductors with a bold commitment to Polish music ranging from Lutoslawski, Szymanowski, Karłowicz, Penderecki to Kilar
- Studied conducting with Henryk Czyż and composition with Krzysztof Penderecki at the Academy of Music in Krakow and later with Nadia Boulanger in Paris
- Top Prize Winner at Herbert von Karajan International Conducting Competition in Berlin, 1971
- Worked with a long and diverse list of Orchestras including Berlin and London Philharmonic, Philharmonia Orchestra, Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Budapest Festival Orchestra, WDR Cologne and NDR Hamburg, Tonhalle-Orchester Zurich, NHK and the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal

Positions

- General and Artistic Director of Warsaw Philharmonic – The National Orchestra and Choir of Poland since 2002
- Director of National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra, Katowice from 1983 until 2000

Reinvitations, Recent and Future

- Budapest Festival, Dresden Philharmonic, Montreal Symphony, Malaysian Philharmonic, NHK, Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Filarmonica della Scala, Oslo Philharmonic and Spanish National Orchestras

Recordings

- Naxos Recording Artist
- Over 150 recordings for EMI, Sony and Naxos a.o.
- Cycle with Lutoslawski's complete symphonic works with Naxos
- 2002 Classical Award at Midem Classique, Cannes for Messiaen's *Turangalila -Symphonie* recorded for Naxos
- 1993 "Diapason d'Or" and "Grand Prix du Disque de la Nouvelle Academie du Disque '92" for the complete piano concertos of Prokofiev
- 1985 EMI Record of the Year for his recording of Szymanowski's *Stabat Mater*

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