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THE WARSAW PHILHARMONIC AND CONDUCTOR ANTONI WIT PERFORM TWO CONCERT PROGRAMS AT DAVIES SYMPHONY HALL NOVEMBER 11 AND 12

Both programs feature pianist Yulianna Avdeeva performing concertos by Chopin and Beethoven

SAN FRANCISCO, October 25— The [Warsaw Philharmonic](#) and Artistic Director [Antoni Wit](#) perform two concert programs at Davies Symphony Hall on November 11 and 12. On November 11, they perform Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 with pianist Yulianna Avdeeva and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, *Pathétique*. On November 12, they perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5, *Emperor*, also with pianist Yulianna Avdeeva, and Dvořák's Symphony No. 8.

Founded in 1901 by a group of financiers and musicians, the [Warsaw Philharmonic](#) became the most preeminent performing ensemble in Poland. Following the destruction of its hall during World War II, the Orchestra performed in sports halls and theatres. After the construction of a new hall in 1955, under the conductor Witold Rowicki the Orchestra modernized and cultivated the work of Polish composers. Under the direction of current Artistic Director [Antoni Wit](#), the Orchestra has continued to champion the work of Polish composers, making numerous recordings and winning many awards for its recordings of works by Lutosławski, Szymanowski, and Penderecki, among others. In July 2012, Wit and the Warsaw Philharmonic received a Choc award for their April 2012 album of music by Gorecki, recorded just after the composer's death in 2010. The Orchestra also hosts the annual Chopin Piano Competition.

In addition to their standard and contemporary orchestra repertoire, the Warsaw Philharmonic is well-known for its work in performing the soundtracks to various anime films. Its credits include the films

Battle Royale and Battle Royale II: Requiem, in addition to performing [Square Enix's](#) score for *Final Fantasy XIII*.

Winner of the 2010 Chopin Piano Competition, Yulianna Avdeeva recently debuted with the New York Philharmonic under Music Director Alan Gilbert in Warsaw and New York and also with the NHK Symphony Orchestra under Charles Dutoit in Tokyo. An avid chamber musician, Avdeeva regularly collaborates with violinist Julia Fischer and with the Philharmonia Quartet, comprised of musicians of the Berlin Philharmonic. In addition to accompanying the Warsaw Philharmonic on their fall 2012 US tour, she debuts this season with the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia under Gaetano D'Espinosa and the Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin under Marek Janowski.

WARSAW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Davies Symphony Hall

[Sunday, November 11 at 7 pm](#)

Antoni Wit *conductor*

Yulianna Avdeeva *piano*

Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra

Lutosławski *Little Suite*

Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Opus 21

Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6 in B minor, Opus 74, *Pathétique*

WARSAW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Davies Symphony Hall

[Monday, November 12 at 7 pm](#)

Antoni Wit *conductor*

Yulianna Avdeeva *piano*

Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra

Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major, Opus 73, *Emperor*

Dvořák Symphony No. 8 in G major, Opus 88

TICKETS: \$15-\$93. Tickets are available at sfsymphony.org, by phone at 415-864-6000, and at the Davies Symphony Hall Box Office, on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street in San Francisco.

CD SIGNINGS: Yulianna Avdeeva will sign her CDs in the Symphony Store following both performances.



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