

## Marcin Murawski bio 2018

Marcin Murawski was born on October 29, 1974 in Poznan, Poland. He studied viola at the Ignacy Jan Paderewski Music Academy in Poznan in the class of his father, professor Andrzej Murawski. He graduated with distinction from the Poznan Academy in 1998, and since 1997 he has been employed there, at present as professor of viola. He gained further education with, among others, prof. Konrad Haessler (Hannover, Germany) and prof. John Krakenberger (Madrid, Spain). In the academic year 2003–2004 he received a scholarship from the Danish Government for postgraduate studies in prof. Claus Myrup's viola class at the Royal Academy of Music in Aarhus, Denmark. In 2004 he earned a doctorate in music from the Academy of Music in Katowice (Poland), and in 2012 he was awarded the habilitated doctor degree from the Academy of Music in Poznan. Murawski has given viola and chamber music masterclasses at academies and universities in Europe (Reykjavik - Iceland, Dublin - Ireland, Riga - Latvia, Bergen - Norway to name a few), in the United States (University of Iowa, Ball State University, University of Northern Iowa, Lawrence University, Illinois State University among i.a.) and in New Zealand (Victoria University Wellington during 44th International Viola Congress in 2017). He has also been a juror of national competitions and an expert for the Polish Artistic Education Center. His graduates are laureates of awards and prizes.

He has appeared as soloist with, among others, the Amadeus Chamber Orchestra of Polish Radio conducted by Agnieszka Duczmal, Koszalin Philharmonic Orchestra, Sinfonietta Polonia, and Kielce Philharmonic Orchestra. He has performed chamber music with, among others, the Agutti Quartet, Classic Ensemble of Poznan, and Tutti E Solo, and as orchestral violist he has played in the Hannover Kammerorchester, Pro Arte Novum, Sinfonietta Polonia, and the Poznan Chamber Orchestra. He has given concerts in France, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Iceland, Austria, Ireland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, New Zealand and the USA (in Carnegie Hall and elsewhere). Murawski has also performed solo recitals at the Polish Institute in Prague (Czech Republic), at Store Saal in Aarhus (Denmark), Universitet i Bergen - Griegakademiet (Norway), Ole Bulls Villa in Lysoen (Norway), the Academy of Art in Reykjavik (Iceland), and the Polish Cultural House in Dublin (Ireland), to name a few outside Poland. During 44th International Viola Congress in Wellington, New Zealand he performed twice as soloist with Wellington Viola Congress Orchestra, gave lecture-recital about passacaglias in viola literature, taught on masterclasses, performed recital of polish music and conducted Massed Viola Orchestra during final concert, entitled "A tribute to Michael Kimber".

He has recorded more than twenty CDs with variety of viola music, from baroque repertoire to modern pieces, from pieces for viola solo to concertos for viola and orchestra, including set of eight CDs with works written by American composer Michael Kimber.

In 1996-2001 together with Bartosz Melosik he ran the Lemur Artistic Agency. In June 1997 he finished the School of Teaching at the Poznan Academy of Music and in June 1998 he graduated from the Postgraduate School of Journalism at the Adam Mickiewicz University School of Political Science and Journalism in Poznan. In June 2002 he was awarded a First Certificate in English of the University of Cambridge. Between 2005-2011 he worked as a viola teacher at the POSM Music School in Poznan. Since 2003 he has been a member of the International Viola Society and the German Viola Society (Deutsche Viola-Gesellschaft), and in 2008 he became the first Polish member of Hummel Gesellschaft Weimar. Murawski is a frequent guest at international music conferences, where he presents his own lectures. Between 2006-2010 he led the viola class at a branch of the Poznan Music Academy in Szczecin, and from 2010 to 2013 at the Academy of Art in Szczecin as professor of viola. In 2013 Murawski was awarded the Bronze Medal for Long Service from the president of Poland Bronislaw Komorowski, and a special prize from the principal of the I.J. Paderewski Academy of Music. Since 2017 member of Australian and New Zealand Viola Society.