

Jakub Staszal – violin

He was born on April 16, 2003. He began learning to play the instrument at the age of 7 at the Ignacy Jan Paderewski Primary Music School in Kraków in the violin class of Maria Kostka. Since 2016, he has been attending the Secondary Music School named after W. Żeleński in Krakow, continuing to learn to play the violin under the supervision of prof. Katarzyna Balas. From September 2020, he is studying in the class of prof. Marcin Baranowski. Currently he is a first – year student at the I. J. Paderewski Academy of Music in Poznań.

He took part in many international violin courses, being a student of prof. Agata Szymczewska, prof. Marcin Baranowski, prof. Janusz Wawrowski, prof. Gil Shaham, prof. Midori Goto, prof. Noah Bendix-Balgley, prof. William van der Sloot, prof. Ning Feng, prof. Gotthard Popp and prof. Bartosz Bryła.

In 2018, he participated in the Morningside Music Bridge

International Project organized by the Calgary Philharmonic.

During his musical education, he has repeatedly participated in national and international violin competitions and festivals, winning awards and distinctions. Jakub's most important successes include:

- 1st prize at the 2nd Tiziano Rossetti International Competition

(Switzerland 2022)

- 1st prize at the 7th International Puławy & Violin Competition

(Puławy 2022)

- 2nd prize at the 15th International Violin Competition named

after Karol Lipiński and Henryk Wieniawski

(Lublin 2021)

- 1st place at the 2nd Polish National Chamber Music

Competition Wiłkomirskich (Łódź 2021)

- 2nd prize at the CEA National Chamber Ensembles

Competition (Toruń 2021)

- 2nd prize at the International Virtual Music Competition

Malaysia 2020

He has performed in many concert halls in Poland, as well as

abroad, for example in Germany, Israel and Netherlands