

Hanna Szczęsna, born in 2004, started playing cello at the age of 7 in Warsaw, Poland. Currently she is a student of Zenon Brzewski High School of Music in Warsaw. She studies in the class of Professor Piotr Hausenplas.

Hanna is a laureate of the cello national and international competitions such as International Cello Competition „Talents for Europe” in Dolny Kubin, Slovakia (solo and chamber categories), 13<sup>th</sup> Jan Vyhytil International Cello Competition in Prague, Czech Republic, 13<sup>th</sup> Young Cellists Competition in Wrocław, Poland, 20<sup>th</sup> Juliusz Zarębski International Music Competition in Łomianki, Poland, 1<sup>st</sup> Wilkomirscy Chamber Music Competition in Łódź, Poland, 4<sup>th</sup> Gustav Mahler Prize Cello Competition 2022, Czech Republic. She was a holder of the scholarship of the Polish Ministry of Culture and now she is a holder of a scholarships of Polish Children's Fund for exceptionally gifted children (since 2018) and Center of Artistic Education (2021/2022).

Hanna has experience of playing in several orchestras. She was a principal cellist in the Zenon Brzewski Warsaw String Orchestra. Besides, she took part in many orchestral projects such as European Union Youth Orchestra and Royal Concertgebouworkest Young. She had an opportunity to perform on stages in Poland and abroad: the Concert Hall of Kölner Philharmony, the Concert and Chamber Hall of National Philharmony in Warsaw, Konzerthaus Berlin, the Royal Castle in Warsaw, the hall of the Krzysztof Penderecki European Music Center in Luśławice, Helsinki Music Center, the Polish Radio Concert Studio in Warsaw and the Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam.