

Music Biography of Wach&Zajac Duo

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Our chamber adventure began during the first year of our studies, and we have played together at multiple concerts since, including, for example, the Chamber Saturdays at Łódź Grand Theater or the Musical Evenings at our academy. In January we participated in Masters Chamber Music Workshops led by Professor Tetiana Molchanova from Mykola Lysenko Lviv National Music Academy. The Masterclasses, apart from the chance to play, gave us the background information about the circumstances surrounding Debussy's writing of his Sonata for Violin and Piano. We learned that apart from dedicating the piece to his wife, he wrote it amidst the chaos of the First World War and while suffering from cancer. That knowledge changed our ways of thinking about the Sonata, as we had realized that despite being seemingly cheerful and gentle, on a deeper level it conceals a lot of pain.