

## Jakub Tchorzewski – biography

Polish pianist Jakub Tchorzewski, an active soloist and chamber musician, has performed across Europe and the United States, as well as in Japan and Brazil.

His most significant appearances include concerto performances with the Warsaw National Philharmonic, Lvov Philharmonic and Bern Symphony Orchestras, as well as recitals during the *Mostly Mozart* and *Veress 2007* Festivals in Switzerland. Many of his past performances were recorded and broadcasted by Czech, Slovakian, Swiss and Polish National Radios.

In May 2008 Jakub performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. as a finalist of the 55<sup>th</sup> Washington Piano Competition. *The Washington Post* wrote: "Jakub Tchorzewski, 27, of Poland, displayed imagination in excerpts from Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition" and a hell-bent movement from Prokofiev's Sixth Sonata".

In 2007, the recording company *Musiques Suisses* issued a Debut-CD by Mr. Tchorzewski. This recording contains the complete piano works by Sándor Veress – a significant but lesser known Hungarian composer, who was a student of Béla Bartok and a teacher of György Ligeti and György Kurtag. This was the first CD to include all of Veress's published and unpublished works for solo piano.

In a review in *Neue Zeitschrift für Musik* (the oldest existing music magazine in the world, founded in 1834 by Robert Schumann), Tchorzewski's CD received 5 points, the magazine's highest rating, for its musical interpretation and choice of repertoire. Martin Andersson of *International Piano* wrote, "These vigorous and rhythmically alert performances by Pole Jakub Tchorzewski are all the more welcome."

As a soloist, Mr. Tchorzewski has received many prizes. He is a laureate of the 5<sup>th</sup> Szymanowski International Music Competition in Lodz, Poland, the ArtLivre International Piano Competition in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and the 37<sup>th</sup> Polish Piano Festival in Slupsk, Poland. In October 2007, he was awarded a Special Prize at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Louisiana International Piano Competition in Alexandria, USA.

As a chamber musician Jakub has collaborated with, among others, Bettina Mussumeli and Jodi Levitz (1<sup>st</sup> violin and viola of the Ives Quartet), Leszek Brodowski (viola professor at the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw), Alisa Rose (2<sup>nd</sup> violin of the San Francisco Quartet), Henryk Kowalewicz (1<sup>st</sup> horn of the Sinfonia Varsovia) and Jadwiga Kotnowska (an internationally acclaimed Polish flutist).

After graduating with honors from the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland, Mr. Tchorzewski was given the opportunity to continue his studies for two more years as a recipient of a Swiss Government Scholarship at Bern University of the Arts in Switzerland. Thanks to generous support from the Kosciuszko Foundation, he was able to study with Mack McCray at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he achieved a Professional Studies Diploma.