

# The Choir of the University of Wrocław

## GAUDIUM

The Choir of the University of Wrocław GAUDIUM has acted since 1983. It is formed mainly by the students of University of Wrocław and of other Wrocław's academies. The Choir's founder and its first conductor was Mieczysław Matuszczak, and since 1993 the Choir's artistic manager is Alan Urbanek.



The choir was conducted by such outstanding conductors as K. Masur, J. Maksymiuk, J. Kasprzyk, L. Botstein and M. Pijarowski. It also cooperates with choirs of Jagiellonian University and University of Warsaw. It has performed, inter alia, in Germany, Russia, Greece, Austria, Finland, France, Italy, Hungary and Lithuania. In 2002 the Choir sang in a series of concerts dedicated to memory of victims of World Trade Centre attack.

In the Choir's repertoire there are such great works as *Creation of the World* by J. Haydn, *Stabat Mater* and *Harnasie* by K. Szymanowski, *Ludzmierz Vespers* by J. K. Pawluśkiewicz, *Missa Pro Pace* by W. Kilar, *Requiem Mass in D Minor* by W. A. Mozart and *Misa Criolla* by A. Ramirez, as well as unique works: *Liturgia Domestica* by A. Grechaninov, *Mystery of Sacred Cross* by A. Nikodemowicz, *Litany to the Holy Ghost* by Z. Kozub and *Requiem* by L. Cherubini.



The Choir has won many prestigious awards: Wrocław Music Award, the first place at the International Choir Festival in Moscow, a silver medal at the International Choral Competition in Athens, bronze diploma at the International Choral Competition in Budapest, and a special award at the International Festival of Orthodox Church Music in Hajnowka.

Choir Gaudium has in its output many CD's, inter alia, recordings of a concert conducted by J. Kasprzyk in Wrocław during the International Festival Wratislavia Cantans and Krakow conducted by S. Gałoński, L. Van Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, Grechaninov's *Liturgia Domestica* with the international cast of soloists, *Missa Gospel's* by W. Szomański, G. Faure's *Requiem* and cantatas *św. Jadwiga Patronka Porozumienia* by M. Gąsieniec (recording made during a concert in Charlotte, USA).



The book *With joy through twenty years (Z radością przez dwudziestolecie)* is devoted to the Choir's history, published by the Silesia publisher on the occasion of the Choir's twentieth anniversary.

The Choir's website: [www.gaudium.uni.wroc.pl](http://www.gaudium.uni.wroc.pl)

