

JULIAN COCHRAN FOUNDATION

The main goal of Julian Cochran Foundation is to make a change in the perception of the world of classical music through the implementation of innovative technologies and unconventional solutions in the process of making art. The main activity of the foundation is focused on creating comprehensive musical projects, the biggest one of which is the International Cochran Piano Competition – a contest which is run in its unique Internet-based formula. Four past editions of this competition have proven it to be ingrained in modern ideas that have shaped the identity of the society of the 21st century. Thanks to its online-based formula the International Cochran Piano Competition has become a fully eco-friendly contest, which gives all of its participants equal chances to become the winner – the age or the background of the participant play no role.

Apart from the competition, the Julian Cochran Foundation runs various educational projects, which are free of charge and which aim to bring the world of music closer both to children and to grown ups. Its flagship is “Classics at Koszyki” (“Klasyka na Koszykach”) – a series of classical music concerts organized since 2017 in Hala Koszyki in Warsaw. In 2019 the National Philharmonic of Warsaw became the Honorary Patron of this project. The same year it was nominated for the Warsaw Cultural Education Award 2019 (Warszawska Nagroda Edukacji Kulturalnej 2019). “Classics at Koszyki” is produced in cooperation with the world of business and the world of music. Since its establishment it has grown extremely popular among the dwellers of Warsaw and has now a group of devoted listeners. It is also beloved by musicians who view their participation in it as an opportunity of gaining unusual and unique experiences. Each Sunday “Classics at Koszyki” is preceded by music classes for the youngest music lovers under the name of “Little Classics at Koszyki”.

An innovative project introduced by the Foundation is the ONSTAGE mobile application which aims to improve the experience of attending opera houses and concert halls, and help these institutions attract new, young audiences. In 2018 the application became a separate brand.

For years the Foundation has also been collaborating with Mindspace Poland (a global operator of coworking spaces) on “Mindspace after-work Classics” – a series of exclusive classical music concerts aimed towards the people of business. Another objective of Julian Cochran Foundation is supporting young musicians – “Supporting Young Pianists Fund” has been created thanks to the initiative of Mr Zbigniew Cylny (the CEO of SCM Sp. z o.o. and friend of the foundation) to achieve it.

To reach the goal, the foundation also constantly works with institutions that educate young musicians (including the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music). The accomplishment of Julian Cochran Foundation’s statutory goals would not be possible without the creative work of members of its team, who by taking a full advantage of their wide experience in the music industry and many other branches, constantly go outside the box. The foundation is additionally financially supported by significant private businesses, which value the world of classical music and want to actively engage with it.

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