

Paderewski Festival

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The 2024 Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles will be held **October 31 – November 3**. For the first time in Festival history, the **November 2nd Gala Concert** will feature a collaboration with the **San Luis Obispo Symphony and Maestro Andrew Sewell** and **soloist Janina Fiałkowska**, performing Paderewski's *Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 17*. Other works on the program include Mozart's *Magic Flute Overture* and Mussorgsky's celebrated *Pictures at an Exhibition* in Ravel's brilliant orchestration.

The Festival opens on Thursday, October 31 at the Park Ballroom in downtown Paso Robles with the performance by **violinist Seina Matsuoka and pianist Yuto Kiguchi**, winners of several chamber music competitions in Europe and **internationally known as the AKA Duo**. Their program will include sonatas by Beethoven and Paderewski as well as shorter works by Witold Lutosławski and Miłosz Magin. This concert is presented in collaboration with the Polish Cultural Institute New York and National Institute of Music and Dance, with co-sponsorship from Poland's Ministry of Culture.

On **Friday, November 1**, **Festival Gala pianist Janina Fiałkowska will give a 4 p.m. master class** at Davidson Center, Room 218, **Cal Poly** in San Luis Obispo. Also on Friday at **7 p.m.**, the **Bandonegro Ensemble** (piano, violin, accordion, and bass) will perform fiery and wistful Argentine and Polish tangos at the **Park Ballroom** in downtown Paso Robles.

On **Saturday, November 2** at **11 a.m.** there will be a private wine tasting with hors d'oeuvres at the historic **Epoch Estate Wines** in Templeton. This event will feature a lively talk with Epoch's resident historian and is reserved for **Festival Patron Passholders only**.

The Festival fan-favorite **Winners' Recital of the annual Youth Piano Competition** takes place on **Saturday, November 2**, at **3 p.m.** at **Park Ballroom** in downtown Paso Robles, highlighting young artists ages 10-18 from Paso Robles and the surrounding counties.





On **Saturday evening**, Festival-goers will experience a new collaboration and venue at the **Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo**, starting with a pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Then at **7:30 p.m.**, the SLO Symphony Orchestra will perform the **Gala Concert**, featuring the Festival-first performance of Paderewski's virtuosic Piano Concerto with soloist Janina Fiałkowska. Maestro Andrew Sewell will lead the orchestra throughout the program, which also includes Mozart's *Magic Flute Overture* and ends with Mussorgsky's undisputed orchestral firework, *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

The 2024 Paderewski Festival in Paso Robles returns to the **Park Ballroom** in downtown Paso Robles on **Sunday, November 3** at **11 a.m.**, for the closing event—a matinee recital by two young Polish pianists, **Dymitr Szostak (15)** and **Józef Wesółowski (14)**. They will present a program of solo piano music by Bach, Chopin, Paderewski, Szymanowski and Gershwin under the auspices of the Festival-sponsored **Youth Cultural Exchange Program**. Since 2009, selected winners of the Youth Piano Competition in Paso Robles have traveled to Poland and, in alternate years, winners of various piano competitions in Poland visit and perform in California. The Exchange Concert will be preceded by a **Brunch for Patrons and Friends of Paderewski pass holders**, featuring sumptuous local foods and wines.

2024 Paderewski Festival sponsors include: Park Ballroom, Epoch Estate Wines, SLO County Office of Education, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Los Angeles, Cass Winery, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Poland), National Institute of Music and Dance (Poland), POLAM Credit Union, Polish Cultural Institute New York, SLO Community Grants and Travel Paso.

Get your Festival tickets or passes today at www.paderewskifest.com

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 31ST

AKA Duo Recital: Works for Violin and Piano **7:00 p.m.**
Music by Beethoven, Lutosławski, Magin and Paderewski. Wine Reception by SummerWood Winery. Park Ballroom, downtown Paso Robles
\$40; Seniors: \$30; Under 18: \$15

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

Master Class with Pianist Janina Fiałkowska **4:10 p.m.**
Open to the public Davidson Music Center, Room 218, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
Free Admission

Bandonegro Concert: Polish & Argentine Tangos **7:00 p.m.**
Music by Vars, Petersburski, Piazzolla, and more. Wine Reception by Bovino Vineyards. Park Ballroom, downtown Paso Robles
\$40; Seniors: \$30; Under 18: \$15

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

Private Wine Tasting **11:00 a.m.**
Featuring Epoch's Resident Historian Epoch Estate Wines, Templeton
Paderewski Patron pass holders only

Youth Competition Winners' Recital **3:00 p.m.**
Open to the public Park Ballroom, downtown Paso Robles

Pre-Concert Talk in Concert Hall **6:30 p.m.**
Ft. USC Polish Music Center's director, Marek Zebrowski SLO PAC Concert Hall
Friends of Paderewski and Paderewski Patron pass holders only

Gala Concert: Janina Fiałkowska with the SLO Symphony **7:30 p.m.**
Under Maestro Andrew Sewell SLO PAC Concert Hall
Works by Mozart, Paderewski, and Mussorgsky/Ravel \$32 - \$92; Student: \$12

Post-concert reception **7:30 p.m.**
Ft. soloist Janina Fiałkowska SLO PAC Concert Hall
Wine reception by Epoch Estate Wines *Paderewski Patron pass holders*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Cultural Exchange Brunch **9:00 a.m.**
Wines by J. Lohr Wines Park Ballroom, downtown Paso Robles
Friends of Paderewski and Paderewski Patron pass holders only

Cultural Exchange Program Recital **11:00 a.m.**
Featuring young pianists from Poland Park Ballroom, downtown Paso Robles
Open to the public. *Free Admission*

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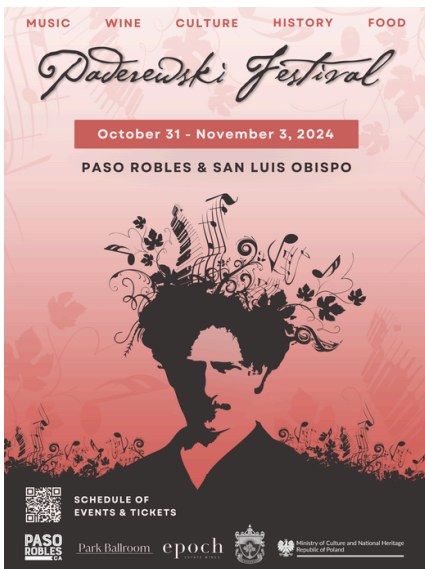
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AKA DUO



BANDONEGRO



JANINA FIAŁKOWSKA & THE SLO SYMPHONY



DYMITR SZOSTAK (LEFT) AND JÓZEF WESOŁOWSKI (RIGHT)