



### **Big Band at Zielona Gora University**

Among artistic achievements of the band are the concerts performed in Zielona Gora, in the whole country and abroad. The band played with famous jazz musicians including such names as: Piotr Baron, Jan Ptaszyn Wróblewski, Jarosław Śmietana, Christof Griese, Ewa Uryga, Urszula Dudziak, Marek Bałata, Maciej Sikala, Zbigniew Lewandowski, Piotr Wojtasik, Grzegorz Nagórski, Krzysztof Kiljański, Mike Russell, Ralf Rickert, Wojciech Karolak, Priscilla Jones, Nicky Brown, Zbigniew Namysłowski, Jacek Namysłowski, Inga Lewandowska, Kuba Stankiewicz, Piotr Wrombel, Brian Fentress, Marcia Walder-Thomas, Ingrid Diem, Anna Serafińska, Janusz Szrom, Emil Kowalski, Cezary Paciorek, Dominik Bukowski, Mika Urbaniak, Valerie Scott, Piotr Salata, Andrzej Dąbrowski, Henryk Miśkiewicz.

The most important concerts performed by the Big Band are the following: at the festival "Jazz on the Oder", at the International Meeting of Jazz Musicians in Glogow, concerts in Hamburg, Sopot Pire Jazz Festival, Big Band Meeting in Wroclaw, Old Jazz Meeting, Big Band Festival in Nowy Tomysl, concerts from the cycle "Big Band at University and Friends" at Bydgoszcz Big Band Festival, "Big Band Jazz Meeting" in Zielona Gora, concerts in Sweden, series of concerts in Poland, concerts called "Carols in the style of jazz" at the "Jazz Picnic" in Warsaw, concerts at the festival " Mazurska Fiesta of Jazz" in Gizycko, "Swinging Saxony" (Germany), "Christmas Carols for the World" performed at the Baltic Philharmonic in Gdansk (the concert arranged by J. Szymaniuk was recorded and broadcast by the TV programs: TVP 2 and

TV Polonia. In May 2005 the concert recording called "Christmas Songs" was released on CDs), a concert "Carols of the World" at the Basilica in Pelplin (the concert was recorded for the TV programs TVP1, TVP Polonia and broadcast at Christmas. Later it was released on CDs)

On the occasion of the Day of Poland at the World Exhibition EXPO Zaragoza 2008 Big Band performed together with the famous Polish singers Urszula Dudziak, Mika and Kasia Urbaniak

On 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2009 Big Band together with Urszula Dudziak gave a concert at Zielona Gora Philharmonic promoting a CD called Forever Green.

Big Band has won many awards and prizes. It was twice awarded the Grand Prix at the Big Band Festival. Then at the same festival it got the first place, three times the second place and once the third; Big Band won two gold awards "Zlota Tarka" at the festival Old jazz Meeting Zlota Tarka. The band got a Special Prize at the festival "Jazz on the Oder", an award for the best band at IV National Survey of the Young Jazz and Blues Bands in Gdynia, the second place at the International Festival "Swinging Saxony" (Germany), GRAND PRIX at the National Bydgoszcz Big band Festival in 2007.

The repertoire of the Band includes traditional jazz, arrangements and compositions by Jerzy Szymaniuk.

