

## **Victor Young Jazz Festival Mława '23**

The festival starts on Friday, September 22, at 3 p.m. at the State Music School in Mława (24 Sienkiewicza Street). Andrzej Winiszewski – a journalist of Radio Zachód, an academic lecturer and an expert on jazz in film, as well as our friend and presenter – will propose a film adventure with good music in the background. We will see the comedy "Upper floor" from 1937 with music by Henryk Wars and unforgettable performances by Eugeniusz Bodo and Ludwik Sempoliński. We invite you to the Etiuda Hall for the show.

The festival opens at 5:30 p.m., followed by Wojciech Staroniewicz's "Strange Vacation" concert. At around 7:45 p.m., we invite you to the opening of the post-competition exhibition "Painted with Music" in the SMS foyer, and at 8:00 p.m. – to the concert of Babie Lato, the newest band led by leaders: Anna Maria Jopek and Piotr Wojtasik.

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., we invite you to the town park to the opening of the retrospective outdoor exhibition "5 years of Victor Young Jazz Festival Mława" combined with a short musical showcase of the festival performed by Kuba Stankiewicz. At 4:00 p.m., a concert of young musicians "The Sounds of Victor Young" will be held in the foyer of the State Music School in Mława, and at 5:30 p.m., prizes will be awarded to the winners of the national art competition "Painted with Music" and literary competition "Where is Young's violin" in the same place.

Saturday's concerts will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a performance by the international lineup of Arnon Palty (Israel), Maciej Sikąła, Sebastian Frankowski and Kuba Stankiewicz (Poland). During the break between concerts, we will organize an auction of children's art works for the Children's Health Center. The auction will be led by prof. Piotr Kaliciński, Ewa Banaś and Andrzej Winiszewski. The festival will end with a performance by the Big Band from Silesia under the direction of Grzegorz Nagórski, probably the best big band in Europe!

Additionally, this year, as part of the Victor Young Jazz Festival Mława, we invite you to personally experience music and playing the outdoor piano, which is available from September 19 to October 2 in the town park.

### **Where has the idea come from?**

For 5 years we have been promoting high art, jazz and remembering forgotten composers associated with Poland. Of course, especially our patron – Victor Young, who grew up in Mława. Both he and his colleagues from the Warsaw Conservatory, Bronisław Kaper and Henryk Wars, are undisputed masters of film music. After the war, they met in Hollywood and composed many jazz standards, but their memory in Poland has faded.

To regain it, in 2018, Kuba Stankiewicz proposed to Mayor Sławomir Kowalewski to organize a jazz festival in Mława – Young's hometown.

Since 2019, we have been consistently offering the Mława audience meetings with music and jazz people. And we introduce the world to Victor Young, whose story has thus come full circle.

**Magdalena Grzywacz**