

Józef Olechowski

Pianist

Polish-born pianist Józef Olechowski has performed recitals in the majority of European countries, as well as in Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Central America, Colombia and Mexico; in addition, he has made radio and television appearances in many of these countries.

He is particularly interested in rescuing and promoting Mexican music; to this end, he has recorded more than 30 CDs, including pieces by 19th and 20th - Century Mexican composers. He has recorded for BMG, Universal, EMI, Sony, Quindecim Recordings, Prodisc and Urtext, among others. The Mexican Theater and Music Critics' Circle awarded Olechowski with a special distinction in 1997 for his outstanding artistic achievements and especially for a CD containing trios and sonatas by Manuel M. Ponce, which he recorded for BMG.

Józef Olechowski has also branched into other musical activities, principally in the U.S., the U.K. and Mexico: composing, arranging, and conducting are all areas in which he has applied his expertise. In 2000, the German music publisher Schott & Co. edited three volumes of his pieces for flute and piano.

He has performed concerti with the principal symphony orchestras in Mexico; he gave the Mexican premiere of Polish composer Witold Lutoslawski's Piano Concerto with the National University Philharmonic Orchestra.

Recently the Mexican Cultural and Arts National Council awarded Olechowski as an Interpreter with outstanding trajectory.

He began his piano studies in Cracow, showing early promise he continued his musical studies in the Music Academy at Katowice. He won prizes in successive years at the Frederick Chopin Institute in Warsaw and in 1981 won first prize in the Fourth National Piano Competition in Puebla, Mexico.

In the education field he has taught master classes in the United Kingdom, Poland, Japan, the United States and Mexico. He is a resident pianist at Instrumenta Oaxaca Festival since its creation in 2003.

Józef Olechowski received with honors his Master degree in Music Composition from Universidad Veracruzana in Mexico.

In an effort to further establish cultural bands between Poland and Mexico, Olechowski is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Frédéric Chopin Society of Mexico.

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