

Wanda Wilk about Górecki from 2

first performer was our local talented pianist Wojciech Kocyan who played "Four Preludes." Next came "Variations" for violin by Linda Wang accompanied by Robert Thies. The latter, a USC student and winner of the prestigious Tchaikovsky Competition performed the difficult Sonata no. 1, and a short Intermezzo for piano. Thies also accompanied Emily Lin, flutist, who played "Valentine Piece" and the beautiful "For you, Anne Lil." In all, a beautiful program enjoyed by a large audience followed with a reception hosted by the Polish American Congress with Mieczysław Dutkowski and Władek Juszkiewicz in charge.

The third concert took place on Sunday, Oct 5 with the USC Contemporary Music Ensemble led by Donald Crockett. Here they played two of HMGs most beautiful pieces "Good Night" and "Kleines Requiem fur eine Polka," (and my favorites). They also played Lutoslawski's "Chain 1." I could see some Polonia members in the audience, Zbysław Petryka and Zbigniew Kowalski of Polish Radio.

The second concert, Friday, Oct 3rd was billed as "Górecki conducting Górecki" with the composer conducting the Third Symphony for the first time in the U.S. This was the night of the "big performance" which sold out immediately (the hall holds 1558). The phones to the USC ticket office were literally jammed!

The Górecki name was magic - made famous by a single recording of his Symphony of "Sorrowful Songs," on the Naxos label which has sold more than a million copies, "despite the competition of eight other performances of the symphony currently in print," (LA Times music critic Mark Swed). In England the recording with American soprano Dawn Upshaw (David Zinman conducting the London Sinfonietta) was no. 1 on both the Classical Chart and the Pop chart beating out Madonna and Barbra. HMG also has the honor of having sold more records than any other classical composer. The Górecki name brought enormous publicity in the LA Times almost daily with excellent and positive reviews of his music and the artists.

Oct 3rd was a beautiful night and the Student orchestra gave it their all. They zealously followed the, composer who conducted it at a much slower pace, adding 11 minutes to the suggested timing of 54 minutes. (Górecki told me his favorite metronome tempo is 69). The slower tempo made sense. Mark Swed further wrote. "And the performance was simply extraordinary, practically unfathomable under the circumstances. (one rehearsal, students together for just a few weeks in the new semester). But Górecki's personality is

like a force of nature and he achieved an intensity that I have never heard equaled in this music from far more accomplished professional orchestras." I agree with him. It was a performance "par excellence." Larry Livingston, dean of the School of Music and the President of the university, Stephen Sample, must have been proud!

So was I! This was the night when before the concert began, President Sample made a formal announcement of the Endowed Position in Polish Music and welcomed Assistant Professor Maria Anna Harley as the first Stefan and Wanda Wilk Director of the Polish Music Reference Center.

After the concert a beautiful reception sponsored by the Polish Consulate in Los Angeles with Pawel Potoroczyn in charge took place. Dean Livingston presented the composer with wind chimes from Woodstock as a memento, suggesting it to serve as an inspiration for his next composition. My husband and I received a beautiful poster of the Górecki Autumn.

So here we are in 1997 - twelve years later - after the establishment of the PMRC in January, 1985 with composer Witold Lutoslawski present at the dedication ceremony at USC - being honored at USC in the presence of another great Polish composer, Henryk Górecki. A beautiful climax!

P.S. Yes, HMG did see our Zakopane (Lake Arrowhead) and loved the mountains, even though the road appears more hazardous than the one to Zakopane. He also went to San Diego where he saw a private performance by the John Malaschock Dance Company who danced to his Third Symphony and two other of his works. In the evening he met with members of the Polish Cultural Club headed by Jerzy Barankiewicz and Danuta Pawlak.

P.P.S. Special kudos to both Maria Anna and James Harley for all their work in making the Górecki Autumn such a great success! The students and faculty at USC described this as the greatest event ever. □

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