



Ladies and Gentlemen,

In view of the war in Ukraine and the pain and suffering of the Ukrainian people as a result of Russia's brutal invasion, the organisers of the 9th International Flute Competition Kraków 2023 have decided to withdraw Sergei Prokofiev's Sonata in D Major, Op. 94 from the programme of works to be selected in the 2nd round of the Competition, even despite the fact that the composer was himself a victim of Stalinist oppression.

In protest against the promotion of Russian and Belarusian culture at the present time, applications from citizens of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus (including those with dual citizenship that includes either of these countries) will not be accepted in this year's Competition.

It is a difficult decision for us to take, but ethically the only possible one in these desperate times.

Director of the Competition

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