

## DAWID KASPRZAK – VIOLIN

Dawid Kasprzak is a 20-year-old violinist from Poland. He is currently studying at the Colburn Conservatory with renowned violin professor Robert Lipsett. Before pursuing his studies in the U.S., he became a specialist musician at Wells Cathedral School in 2019, studying in the class of Catherine Lord. Shortly after, he qualified for the 2021 Menuhin Competition. His musical performances in the UK included a recital at St John's Evangelist Church in London, a solo performance of *\*The Lark Ascending\** with the English Symphony Orchestra, and the Category Finals of the BBC Young Musician Competition 2022 – widely regarded as the most prestigious music competition in the UK, broadcast by BBC Television and BBC Radio 3. In 2025, he performed Ravel's *Tzigane* at the New Year's Eve Gala at the Grand Theatre in Łódź.

Kasprzak also won the Wells Cathedral School Concerto Competition, earning the opportunity to perform Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No. 1 in F# minor, Op. 14 with the WCS Symphony Orchestra. Throughout his career, he has had the opportunity to work with many world-class artists and teachers, including Robert Lipsett, Midori, Laurie Smukler, Ann Setzer, Robin Wilson, and So-Ock Kim. In April 2023, he won second prize at the Grumiaux International Violin Competition in Brussels, Belgium – one of the most important violin competitions for young musicians in Europe. He currently plays on a French instrument made by J. B. Vuillaume in 1849, kindly loaned by Simon and Peter Dee Shapland.