

Dr. KORNEL WOLAK

Clarinetist

Highly acclaimed for his musical imagination and astonishing versatility. "Control, and a smooth, elegant expressivity... are what make Wolak shine." (John Terauds, the Toronto Star)

Winner of Debut Atlantic Tour, Prairie Debut Tour, British Columbia Touring, Allied Concerts Tour (USA, 2016), the Royal Conservatory Concerto Competition and the Presser Music Award. Mr. Wolak performed with the renowned Quartetto Gelato.

He continues to expand the clarinet repertoire by commissioning new pieces. Regularly appears in recitals as chamber musician and as soloist with American and European orchestras. A "Fryderyk" nominee, Poland's highest recording award, he is a regular fixture on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Classical 96.3 FM, Public Radio International, and in the US, National Public Radio.

As a soloist/clarinet clinician, he has toured and taught master classes in Europe, Asia and both Americas.

Since August 2015 he is actively involved in research on the role of oral articulators in clarinet playing at Speech-Language Pathology Department at University of Toronto. Results of the preliminary studies are to be presented in the upcoming months.

Dr. Wolak is a regularly published author of articles on clarinet-related issues in *Your Muse*, the largest music magazine in Poland, in which he is an editor and contributor of a section called "Clarinetist's Vademecum".

He is the founder of Music Mind Inc., an initiative that creates music education programs for schools and communities.