

Head of International Development and Programming of the National Forum of Music - one of the most prestigious concert halls in Europe, which had its grand opening in September 2015 in Wrocław, Poland. Furthermore, in 2008 Piotr Turkiewicz was appointed the Artistic Director of the Jazztopad Festival – one of the most important jazz events in Central Europe. The festival presents unique projects conceived especially for Jazztopad, with its twelfth edition taking place in November 2015. Piotr Turkiewicz is an educated musician (cello). He graduated in English Philology as well as in Journalism from the University of Wrocław. He wrote his Master Thesis in the US about the role of the *Voice of America*, its Polish and jazz section during the period of communism. He was invited as a speaker to numerous conferences including European Festivals Association in Vilnius, the International Society of Performing Arts Congress in Toronto and Bogota, ISPA seminar at The Juilliard School in New York, the Association of Asian Performing Arts Festivals conference in Shanghai and Live!conference in Singapore. In 2010, Piotr represented Poland in the second edition of the Asia - Europe Young Urban Dialogue conference in Shanghai. From 2012 he has been a board member, chair of Pitch New Works and Program Committee of the International Society for the Performing Arts (ISPA) and the Europe Jazz Network and from 2014 is the Vice President of Europe Jazz Network.