Szymon Emil Parulski

clarinet

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Polish clarinetist, Principal Clarinet of the Berner Symphonieorchester since September 2026, winner of the Kiefer Hablitzel | Göhner Music Prize 2026 and a Buffet Crampon Artist. As a soloist he has appeared with Kammerorchester Basel, Bayerische Philharmonie, Sinfonieorchester Basel, Symfonieorkest Vlaanderen and the Płock Symphony Orchestra. His international distinctions include First Prize at the Saverio Mercadante International Clarinet Competition (2021) and Third Prize at the Ghent International Clarinet Competition (2022). He has been guest principal clarinet at La Monnaie / De Munt (2024-2026) and a member of the Verbier Festival Orchestra and Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester, working with Sir Simon Rattle, Klaus Mäkelä and Paavo Järvi. Chamber music is central to his work: he performs with Trio Orivium and has collaborated with the Meccore String Quartet and Zemlinsky Quartet. He studied with Arkadiusz Adamski in Katowice and François Benda in Basel.

Solo performances and recitals

- 2026 - Kammerorchester Basel - Carl Maria von Weber: Clarinet Concerto No. 2 in E-flat major, Op. 74 - cond. Josephine Korda - Basel
- 2026 - Bayerische Philharmonie - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Clarinet Concerto in A major, K. 622 - cond. Mark Mast
- 2025 - Płock Symphony Orchestra - Carl Nielsen: Clarinet Concerto - cond. Joanna Natalia Ślusarczyk - Płock
- 2024 - Sinfonieorchester Basel - Krzysztof Penderecki: Concerto for Clarinet and Chamber Orchestra (1992/95) - cond. Roland Kluttig - Basel
- 2023 - New Music Instrumental Ensemble - Wojciech Głądys: Night of Falling Stars (world premiere) - cond. Maciej Koczur - Łódź
- 2022 - Symfonieorkest Vlaanderen - Weber: Clarinet Concerto No. 1 in F minor, Op. 73; Dirk Brossé: The Secret of the Mystic Lamb - cond. Dirk Brossé - Ghent
- 2021 - Recital - Płock
- 2019 - Płock Symphony Orchestra - Mozart: Clarinet Concerto, K. 622 - cond. Marta Szymańska - Płock
- 2018 - Opening recital - Clarimania Festival - Wrocław
- 2018 - Recital - ClarMeet.Porto - Porto
- 2015 - Recital - Sinfonia Varsovia, Grochowska Hall - Warsaw

Chamber music

- 2025 - Trio Orivium (clarinet, cello, piano) - Südpark Basel, Altstadt Serenade - Basel
- 2024 - Roland Moser jubilee concert - with violinist Dimitri Smirnoff - Basel
- 2022 - Mozart: Clarinet Quintet, K. 581 - Zemlinsky Quartet - Ghent International Clarinet Competition
- 2022 - Basel Wind Ensemble - Predigerkirche Basel
- 2021 - Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester chamber concerts - Dresden, Terezín

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Awards

- 2026 - Kiefer Hablitzel | Göhner Music Prize
- 2024 - Förderpreis der Stiftung Basler Orchester-Gesellschaft - First Prize
- 2022 - Ghent International Clarinet Competition - Third Prize
- 2021 - Saverio Mercadante International Clarinet Competition, Noci - First Prize
- 2021 - I Academic Competition of Instrumental Miniatures, Katowice - First Prize
- 2019 - II Academic Competition of Instrumental Miniatures, Katowice - Second Prize
- 2018 - Junior International Clarinet Competition, Lummen - Second Prize
- 2017 - XII Clarinet Festival, Piotrków Trybunalski - First Prize and Grand Prix
- 2016 - Ventus Optimus, Łódź - First Prize
- 2015 - Premio Città di Padova - First Prize
- 2014 - 2nd Benelux Clarinet Competition, Ghent - First Prize

Grants

- 2025 - Młoda Polska (Young Poland), Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage - Penderecki album project
- 2024 - Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship
- 2018 - Młoda Polska (Young Poland), Polish Ministry of Culture and National Heritage

Current project

- Penderecki: Clarinet in Dialogue - an album devoted to Krzysztof Penderecki’s clarinet music. Recording planned for November 2026; release planned for 2027.

Orchestral projects

- Since 2026 - Berner Symphonieorchester - Principal Clarinet
- 2024-2026 - La Monnaie / De Munt - guest principal clarinet - Brussels; including Mozart: Idomeneo (2026), Alain Altinoglu
- 2025 - Verbier Festival Orchestra - five concerts; Teodor Currentzis, Klaus Mäkelä, Paavo Järvi, Barbara Hannigan, Manfred Honeck
- 2025 - Luzerner Sinfonieorchester - Festival international de musique de Besançon
- 2024 - Verbier Festival Orchestra - six concerts; Sir Simon Rattle, Klaus Mäkelä, Sir Antonio Pappano, Vasily Petrenko, Lahav Shani, Charles Dutoit
- 2023 - International Lutosławski Youth Orchestra
- 2020-2021 - Gustav Mahler Jugendorchester - tours

Education

- Since 2024 - MA in Musical Performance, Hochschule für Musik FHNW, Basel - Prof. François Benda
- 2024 - MA in Specialised Musical Performance, Soloist, Hochschule für Musik FHNW, Basel - Prof. François Benda
- 2022 - BA, Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music, Katowice - Prof. Arkadiusz Adamski

Discography

- 2022 - Weber: Clarinet Concerto No. 1, Op. 73 - Symfonieorkest Vlaanderen - Aliud Records; live Ghent competition finals
- 2021 - Witold Lutosławski: Dance Preludes - Płock Symphony Orchestra - DUX