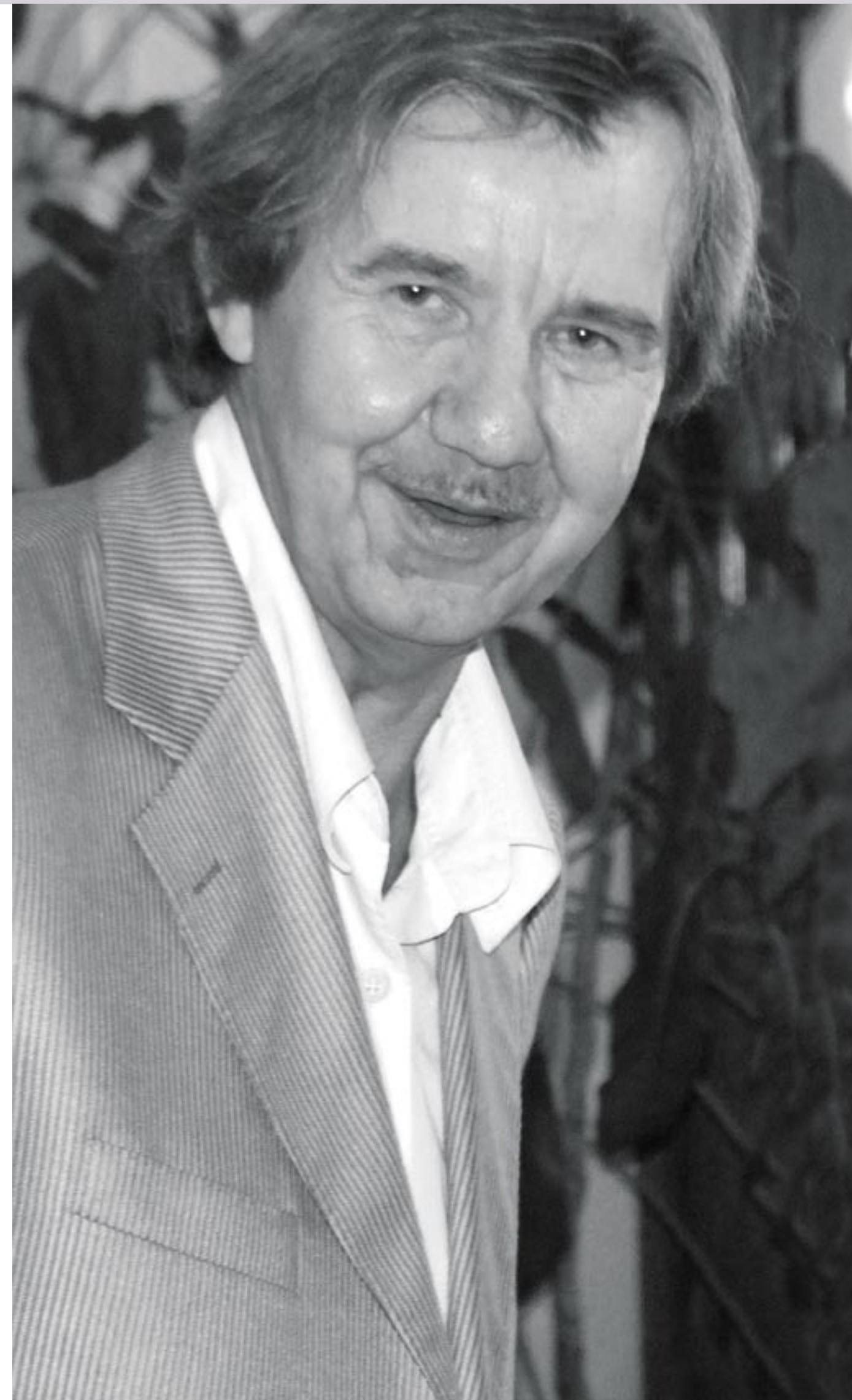


Andrew Rozbicki

(b. 1948)

Musician, educator



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Celebrity Symphony Orchestra
Andrzej Rozbicki
CONDUCTOR
Saturday, April 20, 1996 at 7:30pm
7:00pm Meet the Composer
St. Paul's Church
227 Bloor St. East (Bloor-Yonge subway), Toronto, ON, Canada



Since his arrival in Canada in 1985, Andrew Rozbicki has been highly active in the music scene in the Toronto area. He teaches music at the Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton School for the Arts, organized the Brampton Symphony Orchestra and served as its conductor for five years, and is now the music director of the Celebrity Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1994. An avid promoter of Polish music and musicians in Canada and the U.S., Rozbicki regularly schedules gala events that introduce Polish music and musicians to Canadian audiences. He is also the conductor of several choirs, among them the Harfa Choir, which won the Gold Medal at the International Choral Festival in Koszalin, Poland, and the Toronto-based Polonia Singers, which won three First Prizes at the 1988 Convention of the Polish Singers' Alliance of America in Chicago. Rozbicki himself was recognized as Best Choir Director for the second year in a row.

Rozbicki holds Master's degrees in Musical Pedagogy and Instrumental Music from the Frederic Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the Krakow Music Academy. After further studies at Maastricht Conservatory and Michigan State University, Rozbicki became a conductor in 1977, winning prizes at the World Musical Competitions in Kerkrade, Holland, and at the international Janitsjarfestivalen in Norway. In 1984-85, Rozbicki was the conductor of the Bremen Symphony Orchestra and the Music Director of the Westerstede Stadtsorchester in Germany. He has often been a guest conductor of the New York Festival Symphony Orchestra, and has conducted the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Rozbicki has received many honours for his long-term contribution to music, including Toronto's Man of the Year in 1996 and the Toronto Mayor's Millennium Award in 2000. He was named Teacher of the Year for 2005-06 by Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, and in 2006 the Polish government awarded him the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta.

Photos from top left clockwise:
• Maestro Andrzej Rozbicki • The Celebrity Orchestra of Maestro A. Rozbicki's in full view
• Maestro A. Rozbicki with Prof. Walter Buczynski • Placard for the world premiere concert of *Ludzmiierz Vespers* composed by Jan Kanty Pawlusiewicz and conducted by Maestro A. Rozbicki • Concert Parade of Tenors at LAC Mississauga, Ontario
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