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The young Polish conductor Magdalena Pawlisz gets to do an internship at the Gothenburg Opera thanks to networking.

The networking gave an opportunity of an internship in Gothenburg

Magdalena Pawlisz, a young Polish conductor, becomes one of the first to be considered for Rotary's latest project in the international program New Generations Service Exchange. This autumn she can assist at the Gothenburg Opera. The Chairman of the Society, Peter Eklund, a dedicated Rotarian and *District Governor* 2017-2018, talks about the project.

Magdalena Pawlisz is a young conductor from Gdansk, who has an opportunity to do an assistantship at the Gothenburg Opera via Rotary this fall. The program includes both Bizet's *Carmen* and Wagner's *The Ring of the Nibelung*. This means a great opportunity for a young conductor to gain practical experience under professional conditions.

Despite her young age, Magdalena Pawlisz has a long track record. She plays violin, piano, timpani and clarinet and she has won a number of conducting competitions. Through her immense international experience, she has learned how to handle many languages and speaks English, German, Italian and French in addition to Polish. She studied at the Music Academies in Gdansk and Krakow, at the University of Arts in Berlin and she did an internship as an assistant conductor at the Mainfranken Theater Würzburg. Last year she started her Doctorate of Arts dissertation studies in Conducting at the Music Academy in Krakow. Her CV is long and rich in content and there is a lot to read about her on her website and on the YouTube you can see her in action.

How could Magdalena get the opportunity to come to the Gothenburg Opera? Everything has its explanation in how the network works and connects people. As a Rotarian, I have collaborated with Magdalena's mother, Barbara Pawlisz, Rotary *Past District Governor* of Poland. In my own district I got to know Suzanne Brenning who previously worked at the Gothenburg Opera. The whole thing is based on contacts and good relations and people who want to help. It is something that we can use as arguments because we recruit new members to our Swedish-Polish local associations. Through examples like this, we may be able to attract more people to be active!

What are the costs for those who have the opportunity to practice? It is the Rotary Club / District that is responsible for all the costs incurred. But you always try to find cheap or preferably sponsored accommodation in the place where the internship is to be carried out. We hope that my colleague in Gothenburg area who was governor at the same time as me will find a way to solve the housing issue.

Peter Eklund

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