**SONORA WINDS** was formed in 2016 with the goal of bringing accessible, lesser-

known music to audiences through transformative performance

experiences. Sonora wants their patrons to discover and re-discover works that are

worth hearing, but got lost in the midst of standardized performance programs. The

group embarked on a recording project supported in part by grants from the Polish

American Institute of Minnesota, and the Twin Cities Polish Festival to bring to the

forefront lesser-known and some never recorded chamber music by Polish

composers. The project brought three different instrument combinations onto one

recording. The CD has been released this fall 2019 by MSR Classics Discover label.

Following the recording, the group concentrated on programming in different

venues across Minnesota and Wisconsin. Also in the fall of 2019, Sonora was a

recipient of a Travel Grant from University of Minnesota to tour Texas. At the same

time, the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council supported Sonora’s community

engagement efforts through Arts Project Support Grant to create a chamber concert

series in retirement communities across St. Paul. Sonora Winds have been invited

and performed at Chamber Music America’s Conference 2020 in NYC and

International Double Reed Society Virtual Conference 2021.