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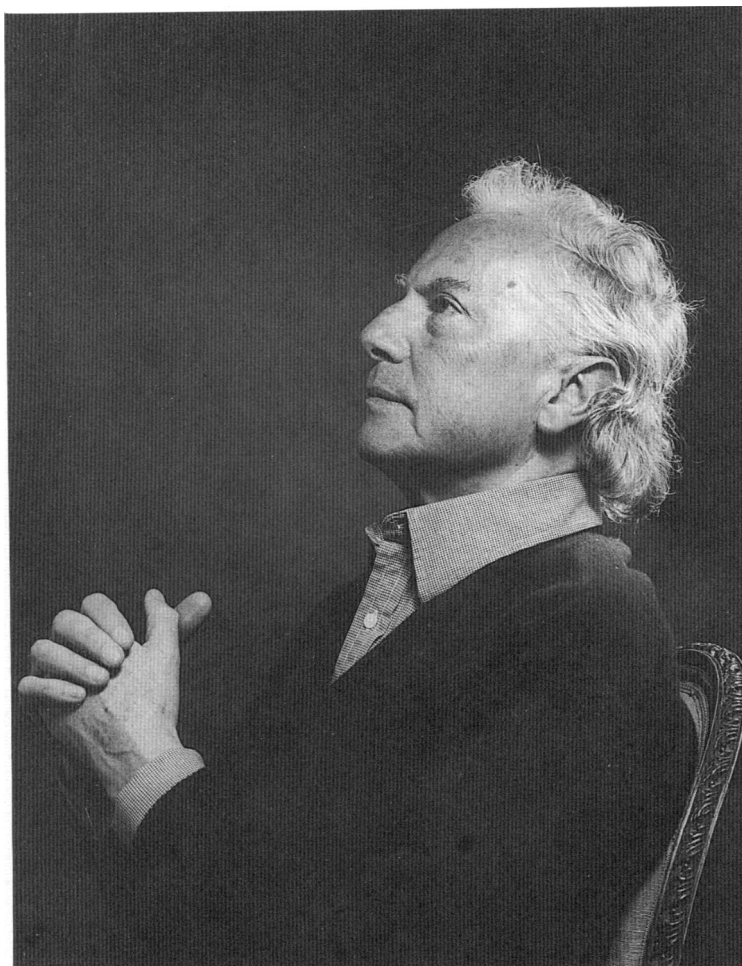


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Sir Andrzej Panufnik, who was a distinguished occasional contributor to *Tempo* and whose music has often been surveyed in this journal, died on 27 October, aged 77. He had just completed a Cello Concerto for Mstislav Rostropovich and an orchestration of a Philip Sidney setting, *Love Song*, which he originally composed in 1976.

Panufnik's death came only a year after his triumphant reception at the 1990 Warsaw Autumn Festival – the first occasion on which he had been welcomed back to his native Poland since leaving it in 1954. In recognition of Panufnik's artistic achievement, President Lech Wałęsa has now posthumously bestowed on him one of the highest awards of the Polish Republic, the Knight's Cross of the the Order of Polonia Restituta.

The première of Panufnik's Cello Concerto will be given in a Panufnik Memorial Concert at the Barbican on 24 June 1992, by Mstislav Rostropovich with the LSO conducted by Hugh Wolff.

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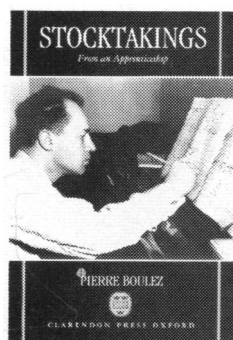
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