

Witold Lutoslawski (1913-1994) about his inner motivation - quoted to Bálint Varga in

1973 : *“Artistic creative activity can be motivated by different aims. The most commonplace of these is the desire to attract the attention of others, to be popular, to earn money and so on. In my case, the main motive is the desire to give the most faithful expression of a constantly changing and developing world that exists within me. The question can be raised : am I only interested in what goes on in me and nothing else? Isn't this standpoint too introverted? My answer is : no. I have a strong desire to communicate something, through my music, to the people. I am not working to get many 'fans' for myself; **I do not want to convince, I want to find.** I would like to find people who in the depths of their souls feel the same way as I do. That can only be achieved through the greatest artistic sincerity in every detail of music, from the minutest technical aspects to the most secret depths. I know that this standpoint deprives me of many potential listeners, but those who remain mean an immeasurable treasure for me. They are the people who are closest to me, even if I don't know them personally. I regard creative activity as a kind of soul-fishing, and the 'catch' is the best medicine for loneliness, that most human of sufferings.”*