

RULES

XXI INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL "SKYLARK"

25 – 30 JUNE, 2024, NOWY SACZ, POLAND

ORGANIZERS

Mr Ludomir Handzel Mayor of Nowy Sącz
Publishing House of Tarnów Diocese „Promyczek”
Youth Palace in Nowy Sącz
Parish of St. Margaret in Nowy Sącz

PARTNERS

Miejski Ośrodek Kultury (Town Cultural Centre in Nowy Sącz)
Miejski Ośrodek Sportu i Rekreacji (Town Sports and Leisure Centre in Nowy Sącz)
District Authority Office in Nowy Sącz

PARTICIPANTS

The Festival is open to amateur solo vocalists at the age 5 – 16 born between 1.01.2008 and 31.12.2019.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Each foreign entrant is asked to perform two songs in their mother tongue or English. One of the songs must be performed without backing tracks (acappella).
2. Entrants ought to complete electronic entry form on festival website festiwalskowroneczek.pl and send the recorded songs. The songs should be recorded on an MP 3 file (in at least 256 kbps quality) or WAV.
3. All entries are due by **31 May, 2024**. Mail entries to skowroneczek@promyczek.pl
4. Entrants must carefully check audio files before sending them. It is their responsibility to check that their recordings and files are playing correctly. If faulty non playing recordings are submitted, the entry will be marked void by the judges.
5. It is the entrants responsibility to provide correct contact details when entering the contest. Emails will be sent to the contact email address supplied on entry.
6. After the preliminary auditions, the Jury will select vocalists in the following age groups:
 - 5 - 8 (born between 1.01.2016 and 31.12. 2019)
 - 9 - 11 (born between 1.01.2013 and 31.12. 2015)
 - 12 - 13 (born between 1.01.2011 and 31.12. 2012)
 - 14 - 16 (born between 1.01.2008 and 31.12. 2010)

7. One of the objectives of the Festival is to foster and promote the children's songs. Therefore, they cannot contain words commonly considered offensive or racist.
8. Entrants qualified for the finals will be informed by email and on the festival website on **June 10, 2024**. They will have to confirm their participation in the Festival by **June 15** skowroneczek@promyczek.pl
9. The final competition auditions will be held on two days: **June 25-26, 2024**.
10. At the Festival, entrants will be singing to background music they ought to send earlier (to 15 June) to the following address: skowroneczek@promyczek.pl. The music must be recorded on an MP 3 file (in at least 256 kbps quality).
11. During the final competition auditions (25-26 June) each foreign entrant will be asked to perform two songs in their mother tongue or English. One of the songs must be performed without backing tracks (acappella).
12. The Organizer will provide professional acoustic system and equipment reproducing sounds.
13. The program of the Festival will be announced on **June 15, 2024**.
14. The winners will be announced on **June 30**, during the gala concert.
15. Entry constitutes permission to use entrant's name, likeness, and voice for future advertising and publicity purposes.
16. By entering the competition, entrants and their parents or legal guardians agree to accept and be bound by the decisions of the Organizer and their judges which are final and binding in all matters.
17. By filling out the electronic entry form and participating in the 21st International Children's Music Festival „Skylark”, the entrants agree to the collection and use of their personal information by the Organizer in accordance with Privacy Policy. The Organizer may post their personal information (such as, full name and country of residence) in public posting areas in order to administer and promote the Festival. By entering the Festival and agreeing to these Rules, the entrants hereby consent to the Organizer using their personal information in the matter.
18. The entrants grant the Organizer, Funders and official Partners, the permission to use their photographs, motion pictures, recordings in connection with its commercial purposes advertising Festival „Skylark”, to disseminate such materials in all media, including social media and websites.
19. The granting of consent is voluntary and may be withdrawn at any time without any consequences.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Jury will select the winners. The judging committee consists of high-profile music professionals. Songs are judged on quality of performance, vocals, melody, composition and originality. Moreover, entrants will be evaluated in:

- song choice,
- audience communication,
- artistic expression,
- diction, intonation,
- rhythmic interpretation.

ARTISTIC WORKSHOPS

The 2024 festival workshops will be presenting on a wide variety of music related topics, such as voice production, music appreciation, rhythmic workshops, performance and creativity workshops

„Skylark” entrants who play any musical instruments are requested to bring them (only the small ones!), especially the percussion instruments.

PRIZES

The winners will receive recognition via local media, awards and certificates signed by the Jury and Mayor of Nowy Sącz.

All finalists will take part in the gala concert broadcast by National Television (TVP ABC, TVP KIELCE).

If you are interested in any previous editions of the “Skylark” Festival, the materials are available on YOUTUBE (just write: Skowroneczek 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 - 2023).

ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND FEES

1. Entrants will pay travel-related costs if they choose to attend the Festival.
2. Each foreign entrant, including their guardian, will have to pay a participation fee of **200 Euro**. The fee covers the costs of stay (accommodation at DUNAJEC Hotel, 3 meals a day, trips, health and life insurance).

Please send all questions regarding the Festival to its coordinator, Lucyna Urbańska at: l.urbanska@palacmlodziezy.pl (for foreign entrants only).

The Artistic Director of the Festival is Milenia Małecka-Rogal, Director of the Youth Palace.