

Regulations of 43rd Bydgoszcz Musical Impressions

Aims of the event:

Bydgoszcz Musical Impressions (BIM) is the cultural event with international dimension, gathering artistically talented young people from all over the world. The main aim of the festival is to popular values which have influence on the consolidation of national identities, traditions and interpersonal relations. Our Guests have the opportunity to present their artistic achievements, exchange experiences and develop artistic contacts.

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Organizers of 43rd Bydgoszcz Musical Impressions:

- The Youth Center „Pałac Młodzieży” in Bydgoszcz
- The Association of Friends of Pałac Młodzieży in Bydgoszcz „PAŁAC”

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Place and term:

43rd Bydgoszcz Musical Impressions will be held in Bydgoszcz from June 28th to July 3th, 2025.

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Participants can be:

- Folkloristic Groups (with accompanied by folk bands)
- Big bands
- Brass Bands
- String Orchestras
- Choirs and vocal groups
- Chamber Music Ensembles
- Jazz combo
- Other instrumental formations presenting different kind of music

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Terms and conditions for participation in the festival:

- Number of performers - from 3 to 30 people (excluding instructors).
- Each group should have a repertoire lasting at least 30 minutes including open air stage performance.
- The use of playback or half - playback is banned.
- The repertoire cannot be change without previous agreement of Artistic Council.

- The participants cannot be older than 30 (With the exception of folk bands accompanying to Folkloristic Groups).
- **The accreditation fee for each participant is 120€ or the equivalent of 500 PLN. Two tutors and two drivers don't pay a fee.**
- **The accreditation fee includes full board and accommodation in school dormitories during the festival.**
- **For a special wish organizer may provide full board and accommodation in conditions on a higher standard. Then the accreditation fee is 290€ (boarding house) or 390€ (hotel).**
- The cost of two – way travelling to Bydgoszcz will be for the participants 'own account.
- During the festival the organizers will support the bands with means of transport for the instruments and costumes.

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Terms and conditions for participation in the competition:

- In the competition of 43rd BIM Festival take part groups which have expressed a wish to compete.
- A repertoire should last from 15 to 30 minutes and should be presented continuously without interruptions (live music only).
- Each group participating in competition must present one piece by a Polish composer. (Is possible to make on its own or from the list available on the official website of the Festival).
- The decision-making body for qualifying participants to competition is the Artistic Council.

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Evaluation criteria for the competition:

- The selection of the repertoire,
- Artistic values and level of presentation,
- Stylistic variation,
- General artistic expression,
- The costumes, outfit, props and other elements that influence the level of performance.

Participants of Competition are judged by the international Jury. The Organizers choose Jury members and Leader of Jury. The competition repertoire cannot be changed without previous agreement of Artistic Council.

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The Competition Prizes:

- GRAND PRIX – Golden String Statuette – award for the best competitors
- Prize of the Minister of Culture and National Heritage,
- every participant of the competition receive the Silver String Statuette,
- moreover the organizers expect other prizes funded by local authorities and sponsors,
- all awards will be handed during the gala concert of The 43rd Bydgoszcz Musical Impressions.

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Applications:

- The application can be filled in and delivered by March 31, 2025.
- It's obligatory to submit a full video of each group or a link to the website.
- It's obligatory to attach photos and complete information about the group's history and successes for promotional purposes during the Festival and in the media and publications.
- Application form could be downloaded on the official website.
- The application should be filled in only in electronic form in capital letters.
- In order for the application to be accepted for consideration by the Arts Council, complete documentation must be sent to: bim@palac.bydgoszcz.pl
- All submitted materials are non-returnable. Qualification information will be sent to the each group's address by April 4th, 2025.
- **A pre-payment of 30% of the accreditation fee ought to be paid until April 15th, 2025 and the rest of the accreditation fee – to May 31, 2025 for account:**
The Association of Friends of Pałac Młodzieży in Bydgoszcz „PAŁAC”
MBANK
PL 21 1140 2004 0000 3702 7965 8984
For foreign transfers SWIFT: BREXPLPWMBK
- Non-payment of the deposit will result in the group not being included in the Festival program. In case of cancellation of the arrival, the deposit is non-refundable.

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Programme offers:

- Concerts in Bydgoszcz and in the region,
- international workshops for choir or instrumental groups and dance groups,
- integrating events for the participating groups,
- sightseeing in Bydgoszcz and the region,
- participation in events accompanying the festival.

Official plan of the festival and also plan of the workshops, The Organizer will presented at the end of qualifications of the competition groups. The workshops repertoire will be presented during the Gala Concert of the 43rd Bydgoszcz Musical Impressions.

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General Information:

- Each participant has to know The Festival's anthem "Swing the World with the Song" – scores are available on the official website.
- The groups admitted to the Bydgoszcz Musical Impressions take part in the concerts and all the other festival events according to the program.
- All of the groups are obligated to complete all necessary formalities and meet deadlines in obtaining visas or other travel documents.

- **All of the participants of the BIM (also tutors and drivers) are obligated to have full health insurance covering all medical expenses in Poland, Personal Accident and Liability insurance. The organizers do not cover the costs of medical treatment, hospital stay and any medical examinations during the Festival.**
- **The Organizers don't cover the costs operation of a foreign vehicle, such as: technical checks, breakdowns, repairs, etc., as well as the additional cost of team excursions.**
- The organizers reserve the privilege of free recording of the groups' performances for documentary and promotional purposes.
- The organizers reserve the privilege to make changes to the program.

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