



## INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC CONTEST "MAYFLOWER"

21-23 November 2017

### Competition rules

1. The song contest is open to amateur solo vocalists at the age 10 – 19 who have not recorded any albums yet. Entrants cannot be signed to any record company.
2. The Organizer, the Youth Palace in Nowy Sącz, Poland, invites school students to take part in the vocal competition. There is age limit for the participants.

Category:	Age:
Young Singers	10 - 13
Junior	14 - 15
Intermediate	16 – 19

3. A school or a youth center is allowed to submit one entrant of each category after a careful selection.
4. Each entrant must perform one country song in English. The duration of the song must not be longer than 4 minutes.
5. The competition auditions will be held on **November 21**. They will start at **9 a.m.** at Aleje Wolności 23, Nowy Sącz, Poland.
6. The competition lists will be posted on its website: *palacmlodziezy.pl* on **17 November, 2017**.
7. The finalists will be announced on **November 23**, during the prize-winner concert. The Organizer will post all results on its website on **21 November, 2017** at **10 p.m.** at the latest. Entrants are responsible for providing up-to-date and correct email addresses to the Organizer. They will be asked to sing the song they have performed at the auditions.

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8. Failure to appear and perform the song at the prize-winner concert may result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected.
9. Entrants will be singing to background music they ought to bring with them (recorded either on a CD or a memory stick). They may use guitar accompaniment.
10. The Organizer will provide professional acoustic system and equipment reproducing sounds.
11. Entrants ought to fill in an entry form in English. All entries are due by **10 November, 2017**. Mail entries to: *dzial.imprez.pm@wp.pl* („Mayflower”) or Pałac Młodzieży, 33-300 Nowy Sącz, ul. Rynek 14, Poland.
12. The regular entry fee is 10 Euros per entrant paid on arrival.
13. The Jury will select the finalists and winners. The judging committee consists of high-profile music professionals. Songs are judged equally on melody, composition, originality, language (English) and lyrics. Entrants agree to accept the final decision of the judges.
14. Entry constitutes permission to use entrant's name, likeness, and voice for future advertising and publicity purposes without any compensation.
15. Entrants agree that should their songs be selected as a winner, the Organizer will have the right to include the songs on a compilation CD to be used for promotional purposes only. The CD will not be for sale.
16. By entering the competition, entrants and/or their parents or legal guardians (if such entrant is a minor) agree to accept and be bound by the decisions of the Organizer and their judges which are final and binding in all matters.
17. The winners will receive recognition via local media, awards and certificates signed by the Jury, President of Nowy Sącz, Director of the Youth Palace.
18. Entrants will pay travel-related costs if they choose to attend the festival. Food will be provided by the Organizer.
19. First, second and third place winners will perform at the prize-winner concert.
20. The Organizer reserves the right to extend the entry deadline and reduce entry fees.

Please send all questions regarding the competition to the Organizer at: Pałac  
Młodzieży, Rynek 14,  
33-300 Nowy Sącz, Poland.

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