

RULES

THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL "SKYLARK"

3-8 JULY 2018

The Organizer: the Youth Palace in Nowy Sącz, Poland.

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

The Festival enjoys the patronage of Mr Ryszard Nowak President of Nowy Sącz.

Competition rules

1. The Festival is open to amateur solo vocalists at the age 5 – 16 born between 1.01.2002 and 31.12.2013.
2. After the preliminary auditions, the Jury will select 15 vocalists in the following age groups:

Category:	Age:
primary	5 - 8 (born between 1.01.2010 and 31.12. 2013)
elementary	9 – 11 (born between 1.01.2007 and 31.12. 2009)
intermediate	12 – 13 (born between 1.01.2005 – 31.12. 2006)
senior	14-16 (born between 1.01.2002 – 31.12. 2004)

3. During the final competition auditions (**July 4, 2018**) each entrant must perform two songs, one in English, and the other one in their mother tongue. One of the songs must be performed without backing tracks (acappella).
4. Entrants ought to fill in an entry form in English (to download click [here](#)) and send a recorded song of their choice. The entry form should contain the title of the song, the name of its songwriter and composer. The song should be recorded on a CD audio or MP 3 file. All entries are due by **31 May, 2018**. Mail entries to skowroneczek@promyczek.pl or Wydawnictwo Promyczek, Plac Kolegiacki 4, 33-300 Nowy Sącz, Poland.
5. The judges' decision will be announced on **18 June, 2018** on skowroneczek@promyczek.pl
6. Entrants must carefully check audio files before sending them. It is the entrants responsibility to check that submitted recordings and files are playing correctly. If faulty non playing recordings are submitted, the entry will be marked void by the judges.
7. 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.
8. At the Festival entrants will be singing to background music they ought to bring with them (recorded on a memory stick).
9. The final competition auditions will be held on **July 4, 2018**. They will start at 10 a.m. at Aleje Wolności 23, Nowy Sącz, Poland.
10. The technical auditions (rehearsal) will be held on **July 3**, between 15.00 and 17.30 at Aleje Wolności 23, Nowy Sącz, Poland.
11. The Organizer will provide professional acoustic system and equipment reproducing sounds.

12. The opening ceremony and the meeting with the Organizer of the Festival will be held at 18.00 at the same place.
13. The Jury will select the winners. The judging committee consists of high-profile music professionals. Songs are judged equally on quality of performance, vocals, melody, composition and originality.
14. The winners will be announced on **July 8**, during the prize-winner concert. They will be asked to sing the song they have performed at the auditions.
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. Entrants will pay travel-related costs if they choose to attend the festival. Food and accommodation will be provided by the Organizer.

Prizes:

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

All finalists will take part in the prize-winner concert broadcast by National Television (TVP KRAKÓW and TVP ABC). The chosen finalists of all age categories stand a chance to be invited to „Petersburski Music Show”, a TV programme for children, whose host, Mr Jerzy Petersburski will be one of the judges of the Festival.

The GRAND PRIX winner will be invited to take part in Eurofestival (the Organizer will pay the regular entry fee and their stay in Italy; about 300 Euros)

The winners in all categories will be nominated to Eurofestival (the Organizer will pay the regular entry fee; about 60 Euros)

If you are interested in any previous editions of the “Skylark” Festival, the materials are available on YOUTUBE (just write: Skowroneczek 2012, Skowroneczek 2013, Skowroneczek 2014)

Please send all questions regarding the Festival to the Organizer at:

Pałac Młodzieży, Rynek 14, 33-300 Nowy Sącz, Poland.

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