XII INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC CONTEST
"MAYFLOWER"

ORGANIZERS:

Mayor of Nowy Sącz, Poland

Youth Palace in Nowy Sącz

COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition auditions **for foreign entrants** take place entirely over the Internet.
2. The song contest is open to amateur soloists and to duos and vocal groups (between 3 and 5 members) at the age **10 – 20.**
3. A sister city is allowed to submit **three** entrants of each category and **three** vocal groups or duos after a careful selection.
4. Participants compete in categories based on the age:
    - I category – born between 2014-2016
    - II category – born between 2011- 2013
    - III category – born between 2006-2010
5. Each participant can only take part in **one category** (either as a solo artist or a member of a duo or a band).
6. Each participant /vocal group must perform one **American country song in English**. They can sing to background music or to the accompaniment of any musical instrument.
7. They can choose from a variety of songs performed by Taylor Swift, Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Miley Cyrus, Shania Twain, Blake Shelton, Carry Underwood, Keith Urban, Faith Hill, Lil Nas X, Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Meghan Trainor, Lainey Wilson, Caroline Jones, Olivia Rodrigo, Brett Young, John Denver, Chris Stapleton, band „Little Big Town" and many others.
8. Participants should submit a direct link to a video of their performance on **YouTube** and fill in the Application Form by **February 22**, **2027.** Mail entries to l.urbanska@palacmlodziezy.pl.
9. It is important that the video recording (**audio is not acceptable**) is good enough to see and hear the participants clearly.

10. The Jury will select the winners. The judging committee consists of high-profile music professionals. Songs are judged equally on melody, composition, originality and language (English).
11. Results will be announced on the Youth Palace website - www.palacmlodziezy.pl - by **March 6, 2027.**
12. The gala concert will be held on **11 March 2027** in Youth Palace, Rynek 14, Nowy Sącz.
13. The first, second and third place winners from foreign countries will have their recorded performance broadcast during the gala concert. The concert will be livestreamed.
14. All foreign contestants will be awarded with diplomas. The winners will receive recognition via local media, awards and certificates signed by Director of Youth Palace.
15. Entry constitutes permission to use entrant's name, likeness and voice for future advertising and publicity purposes without any compensation.
16. Participants 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.
17. By entering the competition, participants 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.

Please send all questions regarding the competition to its coordinator, Lucyna Urbańska at: l.urbanska@palacmlodziezy.pl, tel. + 48 (18) 784-534-547

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