XXVI th FELIKS NOWOWIEJSKI INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CHORAL MUSIC

Barczewo 2027

03– 04 – 05. 06. 2027

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dear fans of choir music,

We cordially invite you to participate in the XXV th edition of the Feliks Nowowiejski's International Festival of Choral Music. which will take place on **03-04-05.06.27** in Barczewo (14 km from Olsztyn), in a city where on February 7, 1877 a great Polish composer - Feliks Nowowiejski was born. For 3 days, Barczewo as well as other cities of the beautiful region of Warmia-Masuria, famous for its unique nature, lakes and forests, open their gates to host excellent choirs from Poland and abroad, which during the competition auditions and accompanying concerts will present choral works of Polish and foreign composers.

Festival is organized by 'Stowarzyszenie Inicjatyw Obywatelskich' in Barczewo

Location of Festival - Barczewo

Main goal of Festival is popularization in Poland and abroad person and creation of Feliks Nowowiejski, his vocal and choir pieces, instrumental compositions and oratorical works.

1. Conditions of participation

1. The festival has the formula of the competition of amateur choirs from Poland and abroad.
Feliks Nowowiejski International Festival of Choral Music takes place in categories:
- D. children choirs up to 16 years old.
- M. mixed choirs
- J. homogeneous choirs (male and female)
- W. vocal ensembles (12-15 members) (male, female, mixed)
- K. chamber choirs (16-24 members)
- S. senior choirs (the average age is over 55)

Regardless of the competition, the choirs may submit their participation **only** in accompanying concerts. In this case, the concert program should include at least one piece by composer Feliks Nowowiejski.

2. The bands participating in the competition will prepare a program consisting of a cappella pieces for the Jury's evaluation. One composition is allowed with instrumental accompaniment (inscribed in the score). The competition program of each choir should include:

- one piece by Feliks Nowowiejski,

- one piece of the Renaissance or Baroque period

- one piece composed after 1945.

- other competition pieces are selected by the band from any period.

The total time of the choir's competition presentation should be no less than 15 minutes. – max. 20 minutes (for categories D, M, J, W, K) or no less than 10 minutes – max. 15 minutes (for senior choirs S) of the total time of "pure" music of individual pieces, i.e. from the moment the first note appears in the piece until the conductor closes the piece.

Not fulfilling time restraints will result in reduction of the final note (instead of gold diploma- silver diploma, instead of silver diploma - bronze diploma).

3. Outside the competition, the choirs are ***obliged*** to prepare two of. Nowowiejski's pieces: Rota and Warmia Anthem (scores are available on the website www.festiwal-barczewo.pl).

4. The jury will judge the choirs based on the following:
- songs' melody- tempo, rhythm, dynamics;
- intonation - timbre, harmony;
- rhetoric - articulation of words and music;
- musical expression - style, phrasing;
- choice of repertoir and dramaturgy of the program

5. On the International Festival of the choir music by Felix Nowowiejski the prizes are:

6. The following prizes are awarded in the categories listed in point 1:
A. Golden diplomas
B. Silver diplomas
C. Bronze diplomas,
D. financial prizes for taking first, second and third place
in every category.
E. Other financial rewards

- Gained diploma is a result of the sum of points from competition hearing:
    - 1p – 10,99p bronze diploma
    - 11p – 20,99p - silver diploma
    - 21p - 30p. - golden diploma

Moreover:

- For the best choir in festival (minimum 25 points) - Grand Prix - statuette "Felix', money award 30 000,00 PLN before tax (about 7100 EUR – at the exchange rate on the competition day.), honorable diploma.
- For the best performance of F. Nowowiejski piece - statuette, money award 8000 PLN before tax (about 1900 EUR - at the exchange rate on the competition day.), honorable diploma.
- For the best conductor – brass plaque
- For the best performance of contemporary competition – brass plaque
- For the best performance of Polish composer – brass plaque
- For the best vocal technique - plate

In agreement with the festival organizers the jury could perform different distribution of awards and introduce additional prizes. The Jury does not give a descriptive assessment summarizing the competition performances. The Jury verdict is final and there are is no appeal.

2. The organization of the festival:

1. Festival will take place **03– 04 - 05.06.2027** in St. Anna's Church in Barczewo – the auditions will take place in Skarbiec Kultury Europejskiej in Barczewo. Choirs which want to take part at the festival should send ***readable filled out*** applications and additional materials with registration fee - **500 PLN**. If the choir is not qualified for the festival the fee will be returned. In case of the lack of the fee the application will not be considered. The registration fee is non-refundable in c ase of cancellation of the application. Following documents should be sent **until 28th February 2027.** Changes to the program - additions can be sent **until 23rd April 2027**, after this date they will not be taken into account (print out the information leaflet about the choirs and the Festival).

2. The decision in the matter of choirs qualified to the Festival will be made by The Artistic Committee until 1**5th of March 2027..** The list of qualified choirs for the competition and supplementary concerts will be announced on the festival's web side.

3. After qualifying to the competition all participants (choristers, conductor, driver and other people coming to the festival with the Choir) are obligated to cover expenses related to, among other things, accommodation and meals in the amount of **500 PLN** per person.

4. It is possible to extend the visit. Additional payment for each day / night and food is **250 PLN** per person.

5 – Choirs based in the vicinity of Barczewo that do not require accommodation or meals shall pay a fee of PLN 200 per person to cover expenses related to the organization of the Festival.

6. During the Festival Organizers provide qualified choirs full catering and two nights in Recreation Center, Agri-Tourism Holdings or camping cabins.

7. Payments should be made on Organizer's bank account – MBS in Giżycko. Agency in Barczewo **17 9343 1028 0000 0882 2000 0010**.

the bank account:

SWIFT - POLUPLPR No. PL 17 9343 1028 0000 0882 2000 0010

Important notes:

31.03.2027 - the date of the first payment resulting from point 3 – 50%.
15.04.2027 – the date of the final payment resulting from point 3.

7. Choirs who resign from the competition after March 31, 2027 will not receive a refund of the amount paid, after this date the payment regardless of the situation will not be refunded.

8. Choirs participating only in accompanying concerts are exempt from the entry fee, however they cover their own costs of travel to the place of the concert.

9. The organizers of the Festival do not provide reimbursement of travel costs and travel costs to Accompanying Concerts - access to accommodation, etc. It is required to secure 2 drivers of the means of transport used by the choir.

10. Choirs taking part in the **competition** are obliged to be present in Barczewo from the opening day of the Festival to its completion (obligatory participation in the opening of the festival, the march and the gala concert).

11. Each classified choir is obliged to present at least 1 additional concerts of choral music at the festival accompanying events (travel to the concert venue at own expense). They will take place in Feliks Nowowiejski related points such as Barczewo, Swieta Lipka (Saint Lipka), Olsztyn and others. Concert should last between 30-40 minutes. Repertoire is unrestricted.

12. The organizers will enable each choir to visit related places with the life of Feliks Nowowiejski and getting to know the tourist attractions of the region.

13. Choirs that wish to take part in the competition, but are not able to obtain scores for Feliks Nowowiejski's works, may receive these scores from the organizer of the Festival - www.festiwal-barczewo.pl

14. Application of the choir to the Festival is tantamount to acceptance of the free registration of artistic performance of works by any technique of recording and its dissemination, as well as the use of submitted choir materials for the promotion of the Festival.

15. Stowarzyszenie Inicjatyw Obywatelskich w Barczewie processes personal data for purposes related to the Feliks Nowowiejski's International Festival of Choral Music in Barczewo.

3. Program schedule of the Festival

03.06.2027 (thursday)

- Choirs arrival
- **17.45-**opening ceremony of the Festival, in front of the Feliks Nowowiejski's monument on the square at Primary School No. 1 in Barczewo
- choirs march through the streets in dress suits,
- opening concert in St. Anna's Church in Barczewo (choirs participating in the Festival perform a song chosen by them - self presenting).

04.06.2027 (friday)

- competition auditions in Skarbiec Kultury Europejskiej in Barczewo

- accompanying concerts and events,
- sightseeing,
- integration event (bonfire) - a joint dinner.

05.06.2027 (saturday)

- competition auditions in Skarbiec Kultury Europejskiej in Barczewo (cont'd)
- accompanying concerts and events (cont'd),
- sightseeing (cont'd),
- **17:00** - closing ceremony of the Festival, a final concert with handing the awards in St. Anna's Church in Barczewo.
- Choirs departure

4. Information and contact address

- contact address:
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- web site: www.festiwal-barczewo.pl
- detailed information about the Festival:
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the bank account:
Mazurski Bank Spółdzielczy Oddział w Barczewie nr 17 9343 1028 0000 0882 2000 0010
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5. Final information

1. The organizers are not responsible for illegal performance of music (copyrights) and related legal actions.
2. The organizer reserves the right to change the details of the regulations.
3. All issues not included in the regulations are resolved by the organizer.
4. Application for participation in the Festival is tantamount to acceptance of these regulations.

Management of 'Stowarzyszenie Inicjatyw Obywatelskich' in Barczewo