

Mikołajki

**XIX INTERNATIONAL
FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL**

"MIKOŁAJKI FOLKOWE"

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The first folk music festival in Poland, organized every year since 1991, and one of the biggest and most famous in our country. The festival takes place on the second weekend of December (and lasts for 3-4 days) in the Academic Culture Centre of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.

The festival consists of: usually 10 concerts on three stages including a concert - competition for young and debuting artists "Open Stage", film presentations (feature films and documentaries on traditional culture) and meetings with film directors, artistic workshops (playing instruments, dancing, singing, handicraft), happenings, visual arts exhibitions, and a craft fair. Every year the audience of about 2500 people and 150 performers from the region, country and from abroad take part in the event.

The aim of the festival is to popularize broadly understood folklore, as well as to present folk music in a form that is attractive to the young audience. Artists working within this kind of music, and using contemporary means of expression, create unconstrained and unique interpretations of folk sources. The result is original and modern music which preserves the traditional values of folklore.

"Mikołajki Folkowe" festival offers a possibility to get acquainted with non-commercial music and cultural patterns different from those of the mass culture. The festival aims to break down the barriers between nations and ethnic groups, through familiarizing the listeners with cultural differences and making them accept these. This is the reason for such a variety of artists performing at the festival. Almost 2000 artists from more than 20 countries, including Ukraine, Byelorussia, Hungary, Lithuania, Germany, Switzerland, Ireland, Latvia, Italy, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Romania, Moldova, Pakistan, as well as representatives of Gypsies and Jews, have performed on the festival stages so far.

The educational aspect of the event plays an important role, too. The "Open Stage" competition, an international contest for young artists searching for inspiration in folk music and judged by a panel of experts, has been organized since 1993. Many folk music groups, currently very well-known, presented their music for the first time before a wider audience on the stage of "Mikołajki Folkowe". Moreover, artistic workshops, attended both by audience and performers, provide a chance to participate actively in the festival. The purpose of the workshops is to show how the wealth of folklore may be used today.

Due to an interesting and diversified programme and the atmosphere of a "folk feast," "Mikołajki Folkowe" has gained an opinion of an important cultural event, as well one of the most interesting and prestigious festivals of this music in Poland. It has also won a large and dedicated audience from all over the country and from abroad, and in some environments it is even perceived as a cult event.

The organizer of "Mikołajki Folkowe" is Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, and the initiator of the festival is St. Nicholas Orchestra, an artistic organization of the Academic Culture Centre "Chatka Żaka."

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Programme

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Thursday, 10 December 2009

- 17.00** **Didgeridoo workshop** led by Maciej Lubaś (ACK – Academic Culture Centre, room 21), 10 PLN
- 18.00** Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: **Film "Nastia Woloshyn: ofiara na pokaz"**
(John Paul II Collegium, room C-1031, 10th floor)
- 19.00** **AD HOC Stage** presents: **Maliner** (ACK, hall)
- 20.00** Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: **Battle of sound systems** (ACK, Art Studio),
10/15 PLN
LSM Sound-System, Poland; **Hucul Calypso**, Ukraine

Friday, 11 December 2009

- 13.00** **Pottery decoration workshop "Karpatika"** (ACK, Small Stage)
- 15.00** **"Ark 2009. Inspirations"** – a multimedia theatre project (ACK, Art Studio)
- 15.00** **Open Stage** (ACK, Concert Hall), *5 PLN*
- 15.00** **Didgeridoo workshop** led by Maciej Lubaś (ACK, room 21), *10 PLN*
- 15.30** **Beads decoration workshop** led by Dariusz "Koralik" Gołębiewski (ACK, Small Stage)
- 16.30** **Performance "Poplar", amateur theatre "Naked Art"** (ACK, Art Studio)
- 17.00** Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: **Jew's harp workshop** (ACK, room 21)
- 18.00** "Kopuły niepamięci. Śladami nieistniejących cerkwi" ("Domes of Oblivion. In search of the nonexistent Orthodox churches"), a **preview show of the documentary** by the Association "Towarzystwo dla Natury i Człowieka" (ACK, Small Stage)
- 18.30** **Film: "Zaniechane melodie"** ("Abandoned melodies") – directed by J. Pietrzak, Krusznia Association (ACK, Small Stage)
- 19.00** Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: **Concert in Radio Lublin: Koralli** (Ukraine)
- 20.30** Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: **Sound system Banda Arkan** (Ukraine) in Tektura,
5 PLN
- 21.00** **Concert** (Art Studio) *10/15 PLN*
Pchelki, Poland; **Morhana**, Poland

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Saturday, 12 December 2009

- 12.00 Pottery decoration workshop "Karpatika"**
(ACK, Small Stage)
- 14.00 Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: Review of independent young Ukrainian cinema** (John Paul II Collegium, room C-1031, 10th floor)
- 14.00 Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: Jew's harp workshop** (ACK, room 21)
- 15.00 Meetings with tradition – concert of a vocal group from Ruda Solska and Christmas decorations workshop** (ACK, Small Stage)
- 16.00 Presentation of the project "Reconstruction of the Polish concertina - accordion sound study "Accrea"** (ACK, Small Stage)
- 17.00 Presentation of the book "Dziady. Rzecz o wędrownych żebrakach i ich pieśniach"** ("Wandering beggars and their songs") by Piotr Grochowski – led by Tomasz Rokosz (ACK, Small Stage)
- 17.00 Concert** (ACK, Art Studio): **Kwartet Jorgi**, Poland, 10/15 PLN
- 18.30 Opening of the exhibition "Collector"** – contemporary urban folk (football scarves)
- 19.00 Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: Fashion show - Moksha** (ACK, hall)
- 19.30 Main Concert** (ACK, Concert Hall), 30/35 PLN
Orkiestra św. Mikołaja, Poland; **Vedan Kolod**, Siberia; **VieśNova**, Poland
- 01.00 Folk at Night** (ACK, Art Studio): **Gendos & Jorgos Skolias**, Tuva/Poland/Greece, 10/15 PLN

Sunday, 13 December 2009

- 11.00 Ukraine in the Centre of Lublin: Concert in the Orthodox church**
(al. Warszawska 84) Doshid Sonca, Ukraine
- 16.00** (ACK, cafe) **Recital of Łukasz Czyżewski**
- 18.00 Concert of Čači Vorba**, Poland (Culture Centre LSM)
- 20.00 Folk and Around** (ACK, Concert Hall)
Akurat, Poland, 20/25 PLN
- 21.30 After party in Tektura**

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