

REGULATIONS
OF THE XXV INTERNATIONAL SONG AND DANCE
COMPETITION “MUSZELKI WIGIER 2025 (WIGRY SHELLS 2025)”

1. **Date and location: 07.05.2025 -10.05.2025 in Suwałki**
2. Organizers: ♪ Fundacja Na Rzecz Rozwoju Społecznego ul. Noniewiczza 59, 16-400
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Co-organizers – Festival office : ♪ Suwalski Ośrodek Kultury ul. Papieża Jana Pawła II 5 ,
16-400 Suwałki , www.soksuwalki.eu
3. Participants:
♪ children and youth dancing/singing groups and soloist of the age 6-25.
4. Participants compete for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Wigry Shell (1st, 2nd, 3rd award) in each category and the dance participants of solo, duo category compete for the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals (1st, 2nd, 3rd award), SAWP award-best performer of a polish song-n 1000 EURO, financial awards from the Mayor of Suwałki.
5. The Shells’ laureates take part in a Gala Concert. Organizers may invite for the Gala Concert people (bands) out of the group of laureates. Jury can withhold Grand Prix in a dance category and a song category due to the not satisfying presentation.
6. Participants’ obligations:
 - a) participants are obliged to have travel insurance which would also cover their stay during the Festival,
 - b) there should be a number of tutors appropriate to the number of children in the group,
 - c) participants or the delegation institutions cover the transport costs, application and accommodation fee (details will be given in confirmation of being qualified or the Competition; Organizers will make every effort to make the costs as low as possible),

- d) **demos and applications (sent on the enclosed form) must be sent by 10.03.2025 at the latest.** Demos (CDs) or link to YouTube via e-mail Organizers must be set according to the beginning of the track and be labeled as follows: performer, title of the song, title of the choreography, duration,
 - e) organizers may allow other soloist/groups, apart from those chosen by the Jury, to participate in the Competition,
 - f) the winners of Gold, Silver, Bronze Wigry Shell from previous editions as well as the winners of Polish Competitions or International Festivals (documented accordingly) are qualified to participate in the Competition without qualifying procedures (However, the application form is still required),
 - g) participants receive e-mails of being qualified in Competition once verification is completed,
 - h) choreographies and songs presented in the previous editions of the Competitions will not be accepted,
 - i) participants have all the rights to perform presented programmes and songs (lyrics, music, choreography),
 - j) the Jury reserves the right to skip off awarding every category,
 - k) participants can negotiate the costs of accommodation and food
7. Detailed regulations concerning participation in the Competition will be provided together with the results of preliminaries.
8. Application fee is 20 EURO(per person).
9. In case of taking participation in more than one category, an additional payment of 10 EURO for each extra category has to be made by the participant (singers, dancers).
10. The cost of accommodation and food: 1 person / per day - 45 EURO (breakfast, and dinner in one).
11. The application fee is payable to the Co-organizer's bank account until 30.03.2025:
mbank S.A. 84114020040000350278989230 Fundacja Na Rzecz Rozwoju Społecznego, ul. Noniewicza 59, 16-400 Suwałki
12. The application forms and more information about the Festival can be found on:

www.muszelkiwigier.pl and www.soksuwalki.eu

DANCE CATEGORY

13. There are following dance categories:
- a) Disco Dance, Disco Freestyle,

- b) Hip Hop,
- c) Majorettes, Cheerleaders,
- d) Folk Dance – choreography presentation of national dance, folk dance,
- e) Acrobatics(pole dance, aerial skills, aerial hoop),
- f) Modern dance (jazz, modern, contemporary)
- g) Ballroom dancing,
- h) Other dance presentations that do not fall into any of the above categories,
- i) Polish diaspora teams,

14. **Additional categories - solo and duo are added to all dance categories. Maximum duration of the performance can not exceed 3 minutes.**

15. There are following age categories:

- of the age 6-12,
- of the age 13-16,
- of the age 17-25.

16. The maximum duration of the group presentation can't exceed 10 minutes.

17. The Jury will consist of appreciated professional dancers from Poland and abroad.

18. Each group may present only one choreography.

SONG CATEGORY

19. There are following age categories:

- soloists, vocal groups (including gospel groups):

- of the age 6-10,
- of the age 11- 13,
- of the age 14-16,
- of the age 17-25,

We reserve the right to make changes in the above.

20. Each participant prepares 2 songs with total duration of max. 4 minutes. The contestant performs one song and the second one upon Jury's request in order listed on the application form (repertoire is final).

21. Any alterations to the repertoire can be made until 30.03.2024.

22. The Jury will consist of people from Poland and abroad with widely acknowledged music authority: conductors, composers, music presenters, performers.

23. The Jury reserves the right to combine categories due to the low attendance.

FINAL CLAUSES:

24. Additional events during Festival:

- a) workshops for the participants and instructors,
- b) integration meetings (for e.g.: disco), animation, concerts,
- c) meetings with the Jury,

25. The workshops will be held by instructors from: Poland, Lithuania, Bielarus and Ukraine.

26. Participants of the Festival „Muszelki Wigier 2025” (“Wigry Shells 2025”) shall give to the Organizer permission to disseminate their image in a variety of communication forms such as: press, television, film, radio, internet. The participants of the festival „Muszelki Wigier 2025” (“Wigry Shells 2025”) shall, without any payment, provide to Organizer the rights to register their song performances and artistic performances during the event in terms of their: TV registration- broadcasting and retransmission, perpetuation, multiplication on all sound and image media; for marketing, rental and lending purposes; to save performances on computer hard drives and to display them on the internet; to publicly display audio and video performances.
27. The participants of the Festival are required to use presented tracks and photograms in respect the copyright law of the authors or related authors, artists, performers and producers.
28. Decisions of the Jury are final.
29. Final interpretation of Regulations document can be made by the Organizers.
30. In order to meet the initiative of the Association of Authors ZAiKS promoting Polish culture and its creators - Suwałki Culture Centre implements to the Gala Concert, next to the winners' concert, a theme concert dedicated to songs with the music of to Polish artists. These songs can be prepared by each contestant as their second track. Concert of the laureates and a theme concert will be recorded and broadcast on air on Polish Television (Telewizja Polska S.A.). The list of preferred songs will be attached to the Festival's regulations.
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Additional information about the Festival:

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