

## Rules of 14<sup>th</sup> International Gdansk Choir Festival 2026

1. Festival is organized by Artistic Agency „Melody”
2. Festival will take place from **20.03.2026 to 22.03.2026** in Gdansk and Gdansk region according to the following frame schedule:  
  
**20.02.2026** Arrival of the choirs, Additional concert in the church depending the arrival time  
**21.03.2026** 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. competition in categories, Additional concerts in the evening in the churches.  
**22.03.2026** ca. 3-6 p.m. Gala Concert with prize giving ceremony. Additional concerts in the evening  
**23.03.2026** Return home or continue concerts in other Polish towns
3. Festival is open for all amateur choirs
4. Choirs can take part in following categories :
  - A. Mixed Choirs Adults - singers above 18 years - minimum 20 singers
  - B. Male or Female Choirs - singers above 18 years minimum 15 singers
  - C. Youth Choirs age 14-19 years - minimum 20 singers
  - D1. Children Choirs age 10-14 years - minimum 20 singers
  - D2. Junior Children Choirs age 6-12 years - minimum 20 singers
  - E. Chamber Choirs (no age limits) - 10-24 singers
  - X. Non competitive category - take part in gala concert and 2 additional concerts
5. **10% of the singers can be older or younger than above requirements.** Festival is for amateur choirs (for none of the singers singing is the main work). The rule does not apply to the conductors.
6. Each choir prepares 8-13 minutes program (+ 2 minutes for entrance/exit from stage) which consists of 4 songs:
  - 1) freely chosen song **not** from your country of origin
  - 2) song **not** from your country of origin composed **after** 1950
  - 3) song from your country of origin sung in your national language
  - 4) freely chosen song
7. Choir can take part in 1 category only. Accompaniment is allowed with 3 songs.
8. Performance will be judged by 5 experienced musicians from abroad and Poland.
9. Jury evaluates: intonation, voice emission, interpretation, diction and general artistic effect.
10. The decisions of Jury are final and shall not be appealed
11. The jury taking into account the artistic reasons may not award some prizes or award ex aequo or additional prizes.

12. In **each** category there will be awarded following prizes:

GOLD MEDAL and 1<sup>st</sup> place for the choir with the highest no. of points from Golden Diploma range

GOLD DIPLOMA 90,00-100,00 points,

SILVER DIPLOMA 80,00-89,99 points

BRONZE MEDAL 65,00-79,99 points

Participation diploma – below 65,00 points

13. The choirs are responsible for eventual copy rights of scores used during the performance at the festival.

14. Choirs will be asked to sing at concerts which accompany the festival. The concerts would be mostly in Churches on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Please prepare 15-20 minutes sacred program.

15. Interested choirs are asked to submit the application form with all attachments till **15.11.2025** to the address:

by e-mail [mail@gdanskfestival.pl](mailto:mail@gdanskfestival.pl)

or by airmail

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**Ogrodowa 27A**

**05-509 Jozefoslaw, POLAND**

16. To the application there must be attached copy of the registration fee which is 200 EURO for the Choir.

The fee must be paid to :

Holder of account: **Melody**

Holder's address: **Ogrodowa 27A, 05-500 Piaseczno, POLAND**

Account no. **PL88 1090 1694 0000 0001 1554 3717**

Bank's Name : **Santander Bank Polska S.A. ul. Rynek 9/11,50-950 Wroclaw. POLAND**

Swift Code: **WBKPPLPP**

The amount we shall get net (you pay **all** transfer fees). **In case the choir is not qualified the application fee will be returned.** We do not return the application fee to the choirs who cancel their participation, regardless the reason of cancellation.

17. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given no later than **25.11.2025**

18. The choirs are responsible to cover all travel and accommodation costs during the festival

19. For organisational reasons (concerts, flexible timetable of singing, costs of festival.) **the organizers of the festival reserve the right to arrange accommodation for all choirs according to prices published in application form.** All choirs or agents representing choirs will pay 90 Euro/person participation **if** they do not want to use accommodation provided by the organizer of the festival. The participation fee is due in full till 31.12.2025. The participation fee is not refundable.

20. Please all questions direct by e-mail: [mail@gdanskfestival.pl](mailto:mail@gdanskfestival.pl)

You can also contact us by phone Monday to Friday (9-3.00 p.m.). +48603361616