

Kraków (Poland) 3-5.07.2026

I. General Information

- 1. The festival is organised by Artistic Agency **MELODY**.
- 2. The festival will take place from 3rd to 5th July 2026 (Friday-Sunday) in Krakow according to the following schedule:

Friday 3.07.2026 Arrival to Krakow 7.00 p.m. Opening concert

Saturday 4.07.2026 10 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Competition in categories

In the evening (ca. 7 p.m.) additional concerts in Krakow Churches

Sunday 5.07.2026 Morning/Midday Mass participation with singing in Krakow churches (on request).

3.30-5.30 p.m. Final concert and awards ceremony and handing out the prizes.

In the evening possible additional concerts (on request)

- 6.07.2026 Return home or continue the stay in Poland and concerts in other towns.
- 3. The festival is open for all amateur choirs.
- 4. Choirs may participate in following categories:
 - A. Mixed choirs minimum 20 singers
 - **B.** Male or Female choirs. minimum 12 singers
 - C. Children & Youth choirs minimum 20 singers (all singers younger than 20 years)
 - D. Chamber Choirs & Vocal Ensembles 8-16 singers
 - **E**. Senior choirs minimum 16 singers (at least 60% of singers must older than 60 years old)
 - F. Non-competitive choirs -- minimum 16 singers (singing in additional concerts and gala concert)
- 5. All singers must be amateurs. This rule does not apply to conductors.
- 6. Choirs can take part maximum in 2 categories.

7. The time of the performance (including getting on and off stage) is maximum 15 minutes. Please plan the repertoire of duration **maximum 13-14 minutes**, and 1-2 minutes for walking on/off and breaks

- 8. Each choir in prepares the repertoire consisting of **3 or 4** sacred or classical songs.
- a) sacred/classical song composed till 1900
- b) 20th/21st century sacred/classical song
- c) 1 or 2 freely chosen sacred song

9. The songs can be performed a cappella or accompanied. Organizers provide good quality electronic piano during the competition and evening concerts.

II. JURY & PRIZES

- 1. The performances of the choirs will be evaluated by Jury consisted of at least 3 experienced musicians.
- 2. Jury evaluates: intonation, voice emission, interpretation, diction and general artistic effect.
- 3. The decisions of Jury are final and shall not be appealed
- 4. The Jury will award following prizes :
 - 90-100 points Golden Diploma
 - 75-89,99 points Silver Diploma

60-74,99 - Bronze Diploma

- 5. Jury may also award additional prizes
- 6. All choirs will get the diploma of successful participation in festival.

III. Organizing Information

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

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

3. The base for participation in the festival is submission of application form with attachments till

The applications should be sent before **31.01.2026** to: by e-mail <u>info@poloniacantat.pl</u>

Or by registered mail: MELODY Ogrodowa 27A 05-509 JOZEFOSLAW POLAND or

4. To the application there must be attached copy of the registration fee which is 200 Euro for the choir for each category. The fee and all payments must be paid to the account no. PL88 1090 1694 0000 0001 1554 3717 (SWIFT): WBKPPLPP Bank: Santander Bank Polska S.A., al. Jana Pawła II 17, 00-854 Warszawa. POLAND Holder of Account MELODY, Ogrodowa 27A, 05-500 Piaseczno, POLAND

" please write in title name of your choir". The amount we shall get net (you pay **all** transfer fees). <u>Registration fee will</u> be returned if choir is not qualified. Choirs who resign from participation will not receive compensation.

5. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given till 10.02.2026

6. The choirs are responsible to cover all travel and accommodation costs during the festival. Please do NOT make any travel arrangements without being qualified to our festival.

7. For organisational reasons (concerts, costs of festival, shortage of hotel rooms in Krakow etc.) **all choirs arrange accommodation through our festival office.** The prices of accommodation and meals are published in application form. The 50% deposit for your accommodation is due 31.03.2026.

8. Questions please direct by email: info@poloniacantat.pl,