

# Rules of 14<sup>th</sup> Krakow Advent & Christmas Choir Festival 2025

1. Festival is organized by Artistic Agency „Melody”
2. Festival will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 in churches in Krakow and Krakow region according to the following schedule:  
**4.12.2025 or 5.12.2025** Arrival. In the evening additional concerts  
**6.12.2025** 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. competition in categories, in the evening additional concerts  
**7.12.2025** concerts during the day (performances during Mass Services) or free time.  
at ca. 3.30-4 p.m. Gala Concert with Prize giving ceremony (all choirs will perform 1 songs regardless the result)  
The Gala concert will finish ca. 5.30-6.00 p.m.  
**8.12.2025** Return home
3. Festival is open for all amateur choirs from Poland and abroad .
4. Choirs can take part in following categories :
  - A. Mixed Choirs Adults - singers above 18 years - minimum 20 singers
  - B . Male & Female Choirs singers above 18 years minimum 12 singers
  - C. Youth Choirs - singers 13-19 years - minimum 20 singers
  - D. Children Choirs – singers under 15 years - minimum 20 singers
  - E. Chamber Choirs (no age limits) - 12-24 singers
  - F. Non-competitive - choir takes part in gala concert and 2 additional performances depending the request
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 the program which consists of **4** Advent **and/or** Christmas songs (carols). Total time of performance is 15 minutes. The time includes walking on/off stage and breaks between the songs so the real singing time is **not more than ca. 13 minutes**. **One song must be sung a cappella**, the other 3 songs can be song with all kinds of accompaniment or a cappella. In the church will be available high class electronic piano. All other instruments must be carried in. No extra/earlier time to set up instruments. Voice amplification is not allowed. **The choirs must sing the repertoire in the order they wrote in the application form. If changing of key/pitch it must be written on scores or the jury must be informed about that personally just before competition performance.**
7. Choir can take part in 1 category
8. Performance will be judged by 5 international jury members. (at least 3 Jury members will not be from 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. The jury may decide not to award some prizes.

12. In **each** category there are the following prizes:

Statuette of “Golden Angel” - for the choir with Golden Diploma with highest no. of points in each category.

90-100 points Golden Diploma

75-89,99 points Silver Diploma

60-74,99 points Bronze Diploma

Any choir with lower score – diploma of participation

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 ca. 15 minutes sacred program.

15. Interested choirs (new applications) are asked to submit the application form with all attachments till **30.06.2025** to the address:

### **MELODY**

**Ogrodowa 27A**

**05-509 Piaseczno (Jozefoslaw), POLAND** or by e-mail [krakow@christmasfestival.pl](mailto:krakow@christmasfestival.pl)

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

The fee 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).

**Registration fee will be returned only if choir is not qualified.** We do not return registration fee to choirs which cancel participation regardless the reason of cancellation. In case of cancellation of the festival the registration fee will be returned only to choirs who did not cancel participation.

17. The decision if the choir is qualified to take part in festival will be given no later than **15.07.2025**. On request, overseas choirs can get earlier qualification within 2 months form the date of receiving complete application.

18. In case of high number of choirs the organizers reserve the right to qualify the choir only in one category, even if choir applied for two categories.

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

20. For organisational reasons (concerts, flexible timetable of singing, shortage of hotel rooms in Krakow, costs of festival etc.) the **organizers of the festival reserve the right to arrange accommodation for all choirs** according to prices published on the second page of application form. The prices in application form already include participating fee. The deposits for accommodation are not refundable. 50% of deposit for accommodation is due 30.08.2025 basing on the received invoice. All the deposits and registration fees are non-refundable regardless the reason of cancellation.

21. Any choir or travel agent representing the choir who will not purchase accommodation from the organizer must pay participation fee of 80 Euro/ per every participant (person). This amount is due till 30.08.2025.

22. Please all questions direct by e-mail: [krakow@christmasfestival.pl](mailto:krakow@christmasfestival.pl) You can also contact us by phone Monday to Friday. 9.00-17.00 +48 603 36 16 16