



The 5th Michał Spisak International Festival

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DĄBROWA GÓRNICZA ▪ SOSNOWIEC 2025

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Dear Sir or Madam,

the 15th Michał Spisak International Music Competition is ahead of us, taking place in Dąbrowa Górnicza since 2006. This is the most significant event of the 5th Michał Spisak International Festival 'Solo i tutti', which will be accompanied by a series of musical events.

The International Music Competition is held every two years, featuring different instrumental specialities that form the foundation of a symphony orchestra. This year, the competition will focus on string instrument players – violin, viola, and cello. The application process for the competition is open from 28 January to 15 July 2025.

Preparing for a public presentation, subject to a jury's evaluation, is an excellent form of training that requires planning, timely execution and honing one's skills. The participant has the opportunity to see other presentations and meet fellow contestants, thus gaining a broader perspective on the musical matter and the musical environment. The competition provides valuable feedback on the participant's current place in their artistic development. Earning laurels in the competition becomes a confirmation of one's skills and often serves as a gateway to accelerating the stage career of a young artist. The achievements of the students are also a valuable result of the pedagogical work of their teachers.

The competition will be inaugurated with an opening gala on 1 October 2025, and will be honoured with a concert by Jerzy Semkow Sinfonia Iuventus Polish Orchestra conducted by Joanna Natalia Ślusarczyk. The young instrumentalists will be judged by a 9-member international jury, composed of distinguished musicians, virtuosos, and educators. During the competition's first two stages, participants will showcase their skills accompanied by pianists, and in the third stage, they will perform with a symphony orchestra. The event will be crowned by a concert featuring the laureates of the first prizes, performing with the Symphony Orchestra of Zabrze Philharmonic, conducted by Maestro Sławomir Chrzanowski, on 10 October 2025. The total prize pool amounts to PLN 129,000. Additionally, the jury will award laureates with prizes in the form of soloist fees for concerts organised by the prize sponsors – leading Polish music institutions.

We kindly ask you to spread the word about the competition and encourage pupils and students to participate. For more information about the festival and the 15th Michał Spisak International Music Competition, please visit the official website spisakfestival.palac.art.pl.

Yours faithful

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