

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The **VIII J.P. Sweelinck International Organ Music Competition** will take place from **September 20th – 26th 2012** in Gdansk and Pruszcz Gdański, under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, the Marshal of Pomorskie Voivoidship, the Mayor of the City of Gdansk and the Archbishop of Gdansk.

The competition is organized by:

the Pomorskie Society: “Musica Sacra”
the Frederic Chopin Polish Baltic Philharmonic in Gdansk
the Stanislaw Moniuszko Music Academy in Gdansk
Archbishop Curia in Gdansk

2. The organists are welcomed from all over the world who on a day of the competition have not reached the age of 32.
3. Auditions open to the public as follow:

I. qualifying stage (2 days), 24 contestants:

20.09.2012: St. Nicolai Basilica in Gdansk

21.09.2012: Church of the Exaltation of the Cross in Pruszcz Gdański

II. qualifying stage, 12 contestants:

23.09.2012: St. Brigid Basilica in Gdansk

III. qualifying stage (2 days), 5 contestants:

25.09.2012: Oliwa’s Cathedral in Gdansk

26.09.2012: Frederic Chopin Polish Baltic Philharmonic in Gdansk

The ceremonial presentation of the prizes as well as the final concert will take place on 26.09.2012 in Frederic Chopin Polish Baltic Philharmonic in Gdansk.

4. Candidates who declare their participation in the competition are obliged to send their legibly filled out cards of registration with the recordings of their pieces attached before **31.03.2012** (date of the postmark valid) as follows:

Jan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Trio super Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend BWV 655

Felix Mendelssohn–Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Preludium and fuga c-moll op.37 nr 1

Please attach:

- a. 1 photo
- b. copy of the birth certificate
- c. a short description of the artistic activities
- d. the proof of the entry fee payment

In order to participate in the competition the payment of 150 zł (one hundred fifty zlotys) into the account of the Pomorskie Society: "Musica Sacra" (nº: 49 1240 5396 1111 0000 5380 0738 (IBAN: PL, SWIFT/BIC: PKOPPLPW) before **31.03.2012** with a footnote: 'organ competition' is expected. Entry fee is unrepayable.

5. After the hearing of all the recordings the jury will select 24 contestants to the I. stage. They will be informed about this by **31.05.2012**.
6. The Organizers of the competition will provide participants of the I. qualifying stage with the free accommodation (no meals included). Participants of the II. Qualifying stage will be provided with the free accommodation and breakfast. Participants of the III. Qualifying stage will be provided with the free accommodation with full board until the end of the competition.

Participants cover travel costs by themselves.

7. Organizers guarantee the help of the registrants during rehearsals and qualifying stages. Each participant can come with his own registrant at his own expense.
8. Each participant has the right for 0,5 h of rehearsal time before the I. qualifying stage (in each church), 1 h of rehearsal time before II. qualifying stage and 1,5 of rehearsal time both in the Oliwa's Cathedral and in Polish Baltic Philharmonic. Additionally organizers guarantee the possibility of rehearsals in the Music Academy in Gdansk (organ) and in the Polish Baltic Philharmonic (pianos).
9. The order of the auditions will be settled on the day of the competition by drawing and will be fixed until the end of competition.
10. Under the threat of disqualification the participants can not contact the jury of the competition during the competition.
11. The jury's decisions are final and irrevocable.
12. For the participants of the III. qualifying stage the three main financial prizes are prepared. The Organizers also guarantee the financial special prize for the best performance JP Sweelinck piece. By the decision of the jury II and III prize may be split.

A number of invitations to the concerts organized by musical institutions in Poland

and other countries, including: the International Festival of Organ Music in Oliwa and the Concert Hall of the Polish Baltic Philharmonic Frederic Chopin in Gdansk are prepared for the winners.

13. The winners are obliged to take the unpaid part in the final concert. During the concert the pieces to play will be decided upon the jury.
14. Organizers reserve the right to register the audiovisual and live auditions to the winners and their further use.

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with footnote: „Konkurs Organowy”

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