

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE 2nd CHRISTMAS SONG CONTEST OF THE MUZOFILIA ARTISTIC FOUNDATION

„MUSIC CONNECTS GENERATIONS – CHRISTMAS AT THE OLD PAPER MILL”

ORGANIZER

The Organizer of the Contest is the MUZOFILIA Artistic Foundation, headquartered in Warsaw, ul. Anny Radziwiłł 5.

The partners of the event are the Stara Papiernia Shopping Center in Konstancin-Jeziorna and Pomodoro Ristorante e Vino – the venue hosting the event and providing refreshments for the participants.

Co-organizers, media patrons and award sponsors will be published on the Foundation’s website and social media channels.

PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST

- Promotion of young vocal talents and the development of musical passion in the spirit of shared, family music-making.
- Strengthening intergenerational bonds through joint musical performances.
- Preserving Christmas traditions through music and integrating the local community.

PARTICIPANTS

The Contest is open to the public – soloists, duets, and vocal groups (up to 6 people) may participate.

A special category – Family (“Music Connects Generations”) – is intended for family ensembles that include representatives of different generations. An additional advantage will be the intergenerational nature of performances – these may include sister or brother duets, siblings of the same age, as well as performances combining younger and older family members.

SUBJECT OF THE CONTEST

The subject of the Contest is the artistic performance of a Christmas-themed song in Polish or a foreign language.

The piece may come from popular music, film music, carols, pastorals, or be an original composition by the participant.

Performances may be solo, group, or family-based (combining generations).

Participants may present their own interpretation, arrangement, and may use musical instruments.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participants must submit an application via the registration form available at muzofilia.com and send it to: muzofilia.promocja@gmail.com by 5 December 2025.

The application must include:

- the participant's name and surname or group name,
- category (soloist, duet, vocal group, family),
- title and author of the piece,
- information about the music backing track (file or YouTube link),
- contact details (phone, e-mail).

Each participant performs one Christmas-themed song.

Backing tracks may be played from a pendrive, phone, or laptop – it is also possible to play a YouTube backing track on site.

Participation in the Contest constitutes acceptance of these Rules and consent to the publication of photos and recordings from the event in the Organizer's promotional materials.

The Organizer charges an entry fee of 50 PLN (MUZOFILIA Artistic Foundation, account number: 30 1940 1210 0103 8295 0010 0000, payment title: "Donation – Christmas Song Contest, name of participant/participants"). A transfer confirmation (electronically generated or receipt) must be attached to the application.

THE CONTEST

The Contest will take place on **7 December 2025** at the Old Paper Mill in Konstancin-Jeziorna.

Each finalist will present one song.

Performances will be evaluated by a professional Jury appointed by the Organizer.

Event schedule

13:00–16:00 – contest auditions

18:00 – winners' concert, award ceremony and special guest performance

During the Gala, the Jury report will be announced, prizes will be awarded, and selected Laureates will perform.

PRIZE CATEGORIES

- For repertoire selection
- For best instrumental–vocal performance
- For creativity / original interpretation
- For best family performance
- For best performance of a Polish Christmas song
- For best performance of a foreign Christmas song
- Award of the Owner of the Stara Papiernia
- Award for the greatest artistic personality of the Christmas Song Contest – funded by the MUZOFILIA Foundation (a package of vocal lessons)
- Special Jury Award
- Finalist Award – opportunity to perform at the official opening of the new building at Stara Papiernia, Konstancin

JURY

The Jury will consist of musicians, vocal coaches, and representatives of the artistic community.

The Jury will be announced one week before the event.

The Jury's decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

The Jury will evaluate in particular:

- intonation accuracy and vocal technique,
- diction and interpretation,
- performance culture and overall artistic expression,
- validity of repertoire in relation to the character of the Contest.

PRIZES

Laureates will receive material and artistic prizes funded by the Organizer, sponsors, and partners of the event.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROVISIONS

The Jury's verdict is final and binding.

The Organizer reserves the right to organizational changes (date, venue, format of the Contest) or cancellation of the event for reasons beyond its control.

Laureates are obliged to participate in the Final Gala free of charge. Absence will be considered a resignation from the prize.

The Organizer is not responsible for any damage caused by participants to persons or property, except for damage resulting from the Organizer's intentional fault.

COPYRIGHT AND IMAGE RIGHTS

Participants consent to the free use of their image and contest recordings for promotional purposes of the Contest, including publication on websites, social media, press, radio, and television.

Participation in the Contest signifies acceptance of these Rules.

APPLICATION FORM

2nd Christmas Song Contest

“Music Connects Generations – Christmas at the Old Paper Mill”

Name and surname of participant / group name:

Category (soloist / duet / group / family):

Date of birth:

E-mail address:

Phone number:

Represented school / institution (if applicable):

Title of the song:

Author / composer:

Link to backing track / music source:

Consent for personal data processing:

I hereby consent to the processing of my personal data by the MUZOFILIA Artistic Foundation for the purposes of organizing and conducting the “Music Connects Generations – Christmas at the Old Paper Mill” Contest, in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act.

I acknowledge that this consent may be withdrawn at any time.

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(date and signature of participant / legal guardian)

Consent for the use of the child's image:

I hereby consent to the recording of my child's image during the Contest and its publication on the website, social media, and promotional materials of the MUZOFILIA Artistic Foundation.

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(date and signature of legal guardian)