

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The **IX J.P. Sweelinck International Organ Music Competition** will take place between 24-29/09/2015 in Gdańsk and in Pasłęk.
2. In the competition can take part organists who on opening day of the competition have not reached the age of 32. First prize winners from the previous editions of the competition are excluded from participation.
3. It is a three-round competition. For the first round we allow a maximum of 23 participants. There will be no more than 12 people qualified to the second round and no more than 5 people to the third (final) round.
4. The program of the competition is attached to the rules of the competition. Information about all competitions instruments you can find on the website: www.filharmonia.gda.pl.
5. Competition's hearings are open for the public and it will be held on:
I round:
24-25/09/2015 – St. Nicolai Basilica in Gdansk
II round:
27/09/2015 – St. Bartholomeo church in Pasłęk
III round and winners gala concert:
29/09/2015 – concert hall of the The Polish Baltic Frederic Chopin Philharmonic in Gdansk
6. Candidates who declare their participation in the competition are obliged to send their legibly filled out card of registration till 10/05/2015 (date of the postmark valid). Please attach:
 - a) copy of the birth certificate,
 - b) a short description of the artistic activities.

Condition of the competition is payment a fee entrance into account of the The Polish Baltic Frederic Chopin Philharmonic in Gdansk (IBAN: PL09 1500 1171 1211 7004 4600 0000 SWIFT/BIC: WBKPPLPP; name of the bank: Bank Zachodni WBK S.A.) till 10/05/2015 fee entrance of 150PLN, with the footnote "organ competition". Confirmation of the payment must be sent along with the registration card. (attached to the rules of the competition).

Candidates who are shortlisted for the contest will be notified about this by 20/05/2015.

Candidates who will not be shortlisted for the contest will receive a refund of the entry fee.

7. The organizers will provide participant accommodation:
 - a) for the first round without meals,
 - b) for the second round with breakfast only,
 - c) for the third round with breakfast and dinner.

Participants cover travel costs by themselves.

8. The Organizers guarantee the help of the registrants during rehearsals and hearings. Each participant can come with his own registrant at his own expense.

9. Each participant has 0,5 hour for rehearsal before the first round, one hour for rehearsal before second round and 2,5 hour for rehearsal before third round. Additionally the organizers guarantee the possibility of rehearsals in the Music Academy in Gdansk (organ) and in the Polish Baltic Philharmonic (pianos).
10. The order of the hearings will be settled on the day of the competition begins by drawing and will be fixed until the end of competition.
11. Under the threat of disqualification the participants cannot contact the jury during the competition.
12. The jury's decisions are open, final and irrevocable
13. For the participants of the third round are prepared the three main financial prizes. The Organizers also guarantee the financial special prize for the best performance Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck piece. All prizes may be split by the decision of the jury.

A number of invitations to the concerts organized by musical institutions are prepared for the winners including: the International Festival of Organ Music in Oliwa and the Concert Hall of the Polish Baltic Philharmonic Frederic Chopin in Gdansk.
14. The winners are obliged to take unpaid part in the winners gala concert. During the concert the pieces to play will be decided upon the jury.
15. The Organizers reserve the right to register the audiovisual and live auditions of the winners and their further use.

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with footnote: „Organ Competition”

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