

REGULATIONS
OF THE XV INTERNATIONAL SONG AND DANCE COMPETITION
“MUSZELKI WIGIER 2015” (WIGRY SHELLS 2015)

1. **Date and location: 28.05 – 30.05.2015 in Suwałki**
2. Organizers: ♪ Suwalski Ośrodek Kultury (Suwałki Culture Centre)– Festival Office

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- Co-organizers: ♪ Międzynarodowe Stowarzyszenie na Rzecz Rozwoju Społecznego
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3. Participants:

♪ children and youth dance/singing groups and soloist of the age 6-25.
4. Participants compete for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Wigry Shell (1st, 2nd, 3rd award) in each category. The winners participate in the Gala Concert. The Organizers may invite performers (groups of performers) other than the prize-winners to participate in the Gala Concert. The Jury may award Gradn Prix in dance and song categories.
5. Participants’ obligations:
 - a) participants are obliged to have travel insurance which would also cover their stay during Festival,
 - b) there should be a number of tutors appropriate to the number of children in the group,
 - c) participants of the delegation institutions cover the transport costs, application and accommodation fee (details will be given in confirmation of being qualified for the Competition; Organizers will make every effort to make the costs as low as possible),
 - d) demos and applications (made on the enclosed form) must be sent by 31.03.2015 at the latest. Demos (CDs) must be set according to the beginning of the track and be labeled as follows: performer, title of the song, title of the choreography, duration,

- e) organizers may allow other soloist/groups, apart from those chosen by the Jury, to participate in the Competition,
 - f) the winners of Gold, Silver, Bronze Wigry Shell from previous editions as well as the winners of Polish Competitions or international festivals are qualified to participate in the Competition without qualifying procedures (However, the application form is still required),
 - g) participants receive e-mails of being qualified in Competition once verification is completed,
 - h) choreographies and songs presented in the previous editions of the Competitions will not be accepted,
 - i) participants have all the rights to perform presented programmes and songs (lirycs, music, choreography),
 - j) the Jury reserves the right to skip off awarding every category,
 - k) participants can negotiate the costs of accommodation and food
6. Detailed regulations concerning participation in the Competition will be provided together with the results of preliminaries.
7. Application fee is 40 zł (per person).
8. In case of taking participation in more than one category, an additional payment of 10 zł for each extra category has to be made by the participant (singers, dancers).
9. The cost of accommodation and food is 90 zł per day.
10. The application fee is payable to the Co-organizer's bank account until 30.04.2015:
KB o/Suwałki 03150017191217100159210000
Międzynarodowe Stowarzyszenie Na Rzecz Rozwoju Społecznego oddział Suwałki
ul. Noniewiczza 71, 16-400 Suwałki.
11. The application forms and more information about the Festival can be found on:
www.muszelkiwigier.pl and www.soksuwalki.eu

DANCE CATEGORY

12. There are following dance categories:
- a) Disco Dance, Disco Freestyle,
 - b) Hip Hop, Break Dance, Elektric Boogie, Funky,
 - c) Majorettes, Cheerleaders,
 - d) Folk Dance – choreography presentation of national dance, folk dance,
 - e) Other dance presentations that do not fall into any of the above categories

13. **Additional categories - solo and duo are added to all dance categories. Maximum duration of the performance can not exceed 3 minutes.**

14. There are following age categories:

- up to 11 years of age,
- of the age 12-16,
- of the age 17-25.

15. The maximum duration of the group presentation can not exceed 10 minutes.

16. The Jury will consist of appreciated professional dancers from Poland and abroad.

17. Each group may present only one choreography.

18. Any alterations to the repertoire can be made until 30.04.2015.

SONG CATEGORY

19. There are following age categories:

a) soloists:

- up to 10 years of age,
- of the age 11- 13,
- of the age 14-16,
- of the age 17-25,

b) vocal groups and gospel groups:

- up to 10 years of age,
- of the age 11-13,
- of the age 14-16,
- of the age 17-25.

We reserve the right to change categories.

20. Each participant prepares 2 songs with total duration of max. 8 minutes. The contestant performs one song and the second one on Jury's request in order listed on the application form (repertoire is final).

21. The Jury will consist of people from Poland and abroad with widely acknowledged authority, authors, composers, music presenters, performers.

22. The Jury reserves the right to combine categories due to low attendance.

23. Any alterations to the repertoire can be made until 30.04.2015

FINAL CLAUSES:

24. Additional events during Festival:

- a) workshop for the participants and their instructors,
 - b) integration meetings (for e.g.: disco), concerts,
 - c) meeting with the Jury,
25. The workshops will be held by instructors from: Poland, Lithuania, France and Ukraine.
26. Participants of the Festival „Muszelki Wigier 2015” (“Wigry Shells 2015”) shall give to the Organizer permission to disseminate their image in a variety of communication forms such as: press, television, film, radio, internet. The participants of the festival „Muszelki Wigier 2015” (“Wigry Shells 2015”) shall, without any payment, provide to Organizer the rights to register their song performances and artistic performances during the event in terms of their: tv registration- broadcasting and retransmission, perpetuation, multiplication on all sound and image media; for marketing, rental and lending purposes; to save performances on computer hard drives and to display them on the internet; to publicly display audio and video performances.
27. The participants of the Festival are required to use tracks, make performances and send photographs respecting the copyright law of the authors or related authors, artists, performers and producers.
28. Decisions of the Jury are final.
29. Final interpretation of Regulations document can be made by the Organizers.
30. **In order to meet the initiative of the Association of Authors ZAiKS promoting Polish culture and its creators - Suwalki Culture Centre implements to the Gala Concert, next to the winners' concert, (in 2015) a theme concert dedicated to songs with the lyrics of Janusz Kondratowicz, who passed away in 2014, a poet and author of many hits. These songs can be prepared by each contestant as a second track. Dancers, who will prepare choreography to the music of songs with Janusz Kondratowicz's texts, are also invited to the theme concert. Winners' concert and a theme concert dedicated to the memory of Janusz Kondratowicz will be recorded and broadcasted on air of Polish Television. Regulations of the Festival will be accompanied by a list of preferred songs to be performed by singers and dancers at the INTERNATIONAL SONG AND DANCE COMPETITION "MUSZELKI WIGIER 2014" (WIGRY SHELLS 2015).**
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Additional information about the Festival:

www.muszelkiwigier.pl,

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