

Cultural Life in Kraków

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Krakow, with its royal legacy, is today not only a city of museums and architectural landmarks, but also a vital centre for contemporary art and a thriving organiser of festival life.

Krakow teems with events. Annually nearly 100 festivals and other events of international renown are held here. The European Capital of Culture 2000, spares no effort – the events covered by the urban 6 senses strategy have built themselves, just in recent years, a global brand. Misteria Paschalia and Opera Rara, Sacrum Profanum and the Polish Music Festival, Selector Festival and Unsound – a musical journey from the Baroque to the 21st century, impressive and attractive for thousands of fans.

Krakow, a city of writers, also has the country's largest Book Fair, as well as great literary festivals; here there is the sensational recently launched theatrical review of The Divine Comedy, and here, finally the ArtBoom Festival boldly introduces the latest art into the historical fabric of the ancient centre. Off Camera, the Krakow Film Festival and the Film Music Festival attract cinema lovers, who soon return here to shoot their next films.

In addition to these events, there are the daily events – theatre, concerts by Krakow's orchestras, a wide range of museums – the traditional and the cutting-edge, created and produced in the past two years – and the abundance of jazz and pop concerts create the unique atmosphere of Krakow – a city where there is always something to do...

From the diversity of Krakow's festivals and sporting events we have chosen just a few examples:

remember that at any time of the year Krakow is full of events:it can happen that several large festivals are being held at the same time here. There is plenty to choose from! A detailed programme of Krakow's events can be found at the portal karnet.krakow.pl

Opera Rara Rarissima!
A rare opportunity to admire baroque works, recreated by Europe's leading interpreters.
Organiser: Krakow Festival Office www.operarara.pl



Misteria Paschalia Lead Musical Mystery During Holy Week and Easter, Krakow hosts the greatest stars of early music, and the city is filled with the sound of Baroque masterpieces.

Organiser: Krakow Festival Office www.misteriapaschalia.com

Czesław Miłosz Festival
Literature in Krakow
Among the guests of the festival
can be found such celebrities
as:Julia Hartwig, Jane Hirshfield,
Ryszard Krynicki, Zadie Smith,
Marian Stala, Aśok Wadźpeji and
Tomas Venclova.

Organisers: Krakow Festival Office, The Book Institute, Jagiellonian University www.miloszfestival.pl

Tour de Pologne Cycling finale Part of the UCI WORLD TOUR, the event includes the best cycling teams in the world.

Organiser: Lang Team www.tourdepologne.pl

Sacrum Profanum Festival 20th-Century Music The prestige of the festival is highlighted by the presence at the concerts of composers considered icons of new music.

Organiser: Krakow Festival Office www.sacrumprofanum.com

Film Music Festival
A Visual and acoustic duet
The boldness of production,
innovation in the field of
technology of sound and image, as
well as the highest artistic
standards.

Organisers: Krakow Festival Office, RMF

Classic www.fmf.fm



Conrad Festival
Literary Worlds
Literature is discussed by prose
writers, poets and journalists,
literary critics and directors from
around the world.

Organisers: Fundacja Tygodnika Powszechnego, Krakow Festival Office www.conradfestival.pl

"Divine Comedy" International
Theatre Festival
A Kaleidoscope of Theatre
Nine days, like Dante's nine circles,
a great stage festival - a
competition of performances, a
showcase and an overview of
premieres and debuts in one.

Organiser: Łaźnia Nowa Theatre, Krakow Festival Office www.boskakomedia.pl