

5th World Wicker and Weaving Festival

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FRAMEWORK PROGRAM

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*Man is happy only when he is interested
in what he creates.*

Erich Fromm

The World Wicker and Weaving Festival is undoubtedly the largest and one of the most important meetings of weavers and their supporters. The 5th Jubilee Festival moves from Nowy Tomyśl to Poznań, the city of the Poznań International Fair, the capital of the modern region - Wielkopolska, where Nowy Tomyśl, the host of previous editions, is also located.

5TH SEASON

We gave this title to the newest event. The 5th World Wicker and Weaving Festival will be a well-designed – “five star” event. We hope, bordering on certainty, that it will be the best edition ever organized.

New challenges, a lot of attractions for weavers and visitors, spectacular shows, extraordinary people, innovative ideas, tangible benefits - all this will be waiting for you in Poznań, which will become the world capital of weaving for a few days.

Andrzej Pawlak
Commissioner of the Festival

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VI INTERNATIONAL WEAVING COMPETITION FOR THE GRAND PRIX OF THE FESTIVAL

The two-day competition for the Grand Prix of the Festival is an opportunity for basket makers from around the world not only to submit their work to the assessment of an international jury, but above all to learn about design trends, techniques and materials used in other geographical latitudes. The exchange of experiences is conducive to discovering completely new areas of craftsmanship, known to mankind for several thousand years. In this way, unique works of material culture are created, which can be safely called the cultural heritage of mankind. Despite the changes taking place in other branches of the economy, man is invariably the most important in weaving, and the work of his hands is irreplaceable.

The competition consists of two parts: works performed live and sent-in works, and the participants enter the competition individually or in teams of two.

The works performed live will be assessed by the international jury in five categories: traditional basket, haberdashery, traditional garden form, abstract decorative form, decorative and utility form made of "paper wicker", while sent-in works will be assessed in two categories: utility form and decorative form.

The culmination of the competition will traditionally be a Grand Gala during which the results of the competition and awards will be officially announced in the light of cameras and flashes. The presence of many distinguished guests, an interesting course and a friendly atmosphere will make it an unforgettable event.

It is worth being with us to feel the emotions accompanying healthy, creative competition and meet weavers from all over the world at work!

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THE CYCLE OF INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS TRADITION AND MODERNITY, DESIGN AND FUNCTIONALITY

A series of exhibitions, which, in addition to historical and cognitive values, will provide inspiration in the use of braided products (decorative and functional) in the interiors of apartments, houses and gardens - it is a place where tradition intertwines with modernity.

Colorful exhibitions presenting the achievements of domestic and foreign artists will be filled with charming exhibits, interesting information enriched with photographs and multimedia presentations, and will be accompanied by stories from authors and guides.

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5TH SEASON OF THE YEAR FIVE NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

Since the World Wicker and Weaving Festival Poznań 2023 is to be a "five star" festival, we have planned to present the achievements of five regions with braiding traditions selected from around the world:

- basketry in the German region of Lichtenfels and the Michelau Museum, Bavaria
- Chibarongo basketry in Chile, representative of South America
- basketry of the French region of Les Rochers (basketry cooperative, school and museum)
- Polish basketry:
 - "Wicker becomes more beautiful" - exhibition of the Wicker Center in Rudnik nad Sanem
 - "Our weaving heritage" - an exhibition presenting artists from Wielkopolska and their contribution to the development of Polish weaving
 - "Weaved is TRENDY" - an exhibition of decorative and utility items for the interiors of apartments, houses and gardens from the J. Chełmoński Art Secondary School in Nałęczów
 - "Get to know wicker" - an exhibition of works from previous editions of the festival, the Wicker and Hop Growing Museum in Nowy Tomyśl

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JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CULTURES AND TRADITIONS AFRICA - ASIA AND AUSTRALIA - NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA – EUROPE

A series of four evening meetings with weaving masters from all continents, in the form of colorful lectures, enriched with multimedia shows and presentations, as well as questions from viewers. Each meeting will be accompanied by the music and cuisine of the hosts of the evening.

Weaving is a unique skill that can be found in all latitudes. Therefore, during the evening meetings, you will be able to learn about weaving from all over the world - its traditions, achievements and problems, as well as the materials, techniques and design used. It will also be an opportunity to get to know the culture of other parts of the world.

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EVERYONE CAN WEAVE WEAVING WORKSHOPS

Open weaving workshops, dedicated to everyone, without any restrictions – it will be a unique opportunity to test your skills and create your own, perhaps your first, weaving work, which, of course, can be taken as a souvenir. The variety of available materials means that everyone will find something for themselves and perhaps find their new hobby, or even a permanent occupation, in weaving.

The workshops will be conducted by professional craft instructors from various countries.

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WEAVING HELPS PEOPLE SPECIAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Weaving can help out in problems faced by many people on a daily basis. It is conducive to shaping social attitudes and interpersonal relations, helps to develop respect for work, can support the resocialization of inmates, treatment of sensory disorders and overcoming mental and emotional barriers.

In this block of events, we have planned shows, discussions and occupational therapy workshops dedicated to people with disabilities and at risk of social exclusion, as well as workshops for the youngest guests of the festival, i.e. the Wicker Kindergarten "From stick to basket".

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5TH SEASON OF THE YEAR - SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

The year is divided into four seasons, but we also have the Fifth Season, which is for us a special time of willow and weaving, so that our passions can develop and benefit the world, we will organize a scientific conference.

“WILLOW HELPING THE CLIMATE AND PEOPLE”

During this unique scientific panel we will present to you, through a series of lectures given by renowned specialists, achievements in this field.

We will also show interesting objects, thanks to which we will present the enormous potential of willow and broadly defined braiding, which is still so little used.

Environmental engineering, reclamation of degraded areas, positive effects on the climate, employment for people - in these fields willow and braiding can make a huge contribution and you will hear about it.

During the discussion, we will determine together how mankind can benefit from this, we hope that in this way good cooperation between scientific centres in Poland and abroad will be established and something good for the Earth and mankind will emerge.

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THE VILLAGE OF THE VANISHING PROFESSIONS

The villages of vanishing professions are not a new idea. What distinguishes our village? In our case, it is a great market for folk and old crafts. We want to show live how craftsmen and handicraft makers used to work together to produce the necessary goods.

Horse carts used to be the basic means of transport in towns and villages. During the event, representatives of many disappearing professions will jointly build a “wasąg”, a simple horse-drawn cart. A carriage-builder, wheelwright, saddler, blacksmith, rope-maker, plaiter - this is how many craftsmen are needed to create a cart to which horses can be harnessed. Finally, our cart will go on a tour of the festival grounds.

This cooperation will be accompanied by demonstrations of other traditional professions. You will also be able to meet potters, woodcarvers, stained-glass makers, gilders and representatives of many other crafts, unknown today, to see them at work and perhaps under their supervision test your skills and abilities.

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5TH SEASON OF THE YEAR INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Would you like to buy an original and practical item, woven in Poland or in another country, or even on another continent? Maybe you are looking for an original decoration or a work of weaving art?

The international fair is an unusual opportunity to buy unique weaving products made by creators from all over the world, which happens no more than once in four years. Ecological, surprisingly sophisticated in their form and color, and at the same time functional and practical products, will delight everyone.

Each work contains a pinch of emotions and personal experiences of the creator, which is why each product is unique.

There will also be other types of handicrafts, healthy food and many other interesting products.

The 5th Season of the Year International Fair is a great, international market, pulsating with life and a riot of colors.

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CONCERTS

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We have also prepared a rich and varied program of concerts and artistic performances for all participants of the 5th World Wicker and Weaving Festival. Pop, rock, folk, cabaret - undoubtedly everyone will find something for themselves.

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