

Krakow Festivals | Best Music in the heart of Europe

The background of the entire page is a high-angle, wide shot of a grand opera house. The audience is seated in the lower levels, and the ornate, gilded balconies are filled with spectators. The stage is brightly lit, and several performers in period costumes are visible. The overall atmosphere is one of a grand, historic event.

Operas reconstructed by the most eminent specialists in the field, masters of historical performance; huge film screenings accompanied by live music and one of the world's largest contemporary music festivals – Krakow always abounds in great music events. From forgotten operas staged as part of the Opera Rara series through the biggest movie scores at the Film Music Festival, and then the Misteria Paschalia and the Sacrum Profanum festivals, both loved by fans and critics alike. We would like to invite you to Krakow!



Opera Rara series - an opera series that has won the hearts of critics and music lovers by storm. Forgotten operas from the canon of seventeenth and eighteenth centuries are performed in Krakow by the most outstanding groups and soloists, including: Fabio Biondi and Europa Galante, Vincent Dumestre and Le Poeme Harmonique, as well as Accademia Bizantina with Sonia Prina, Roberta Invernizzi and Maria Grazia Schiavo. Shows are always accompanied by audience's enthusiastic response and rave reviews in the media. This year is yet to see three great Opera Rara events:

The 5th of June

 *Orlando Furioso*
Antonio Vivaldi
Ensemble Matheus
Jean-Christophe Spinosi - conductor

The 6th of October

 *Alcina*
Antonio Vivaldi
Les Musiciens du Louvre-Grenoble
Marc Minkowski - conductor

The 8th of December

 *L'Oracolo in Messenia*
Antonio Vivaldi
Europa Galante
Fabio Biondi - concertmaster, conductor



🌀 Detailed programme: <http://www.operarara.pl/pl/8/0/171/--opera-rara-2011>

🌀 Tickets can be purchased about 1 month before the concert from the website: www.eventim.pl and at the InfoKraków city information centre at ul. św. Jana 2 in Krakow. Tickets are priced from PLN 100 to PLN 180 (25-45 EUR).

🌀 Further information about tickets and group orders: reservations@biurofestiwalowe.pl
More: www.operarara.pl



Misteria Paschalia - this festival, held annually during Holy Week, is regarded as one of the most important European festivals dedicated to Renaissance and Baroque music and one of the most ambitious musical projects in Central Europe. For over a week, Krakow concert halls, unique sacred interiors and the Saint Kinga's Chapel in Wieliczka resound with the most beautiful masterpieces. The Festival hosts such artists as Marc Minkowski (Les Musiciens du Louvre-Grenoble), Fabio Biondi (Europa Galante) and Ottavio Dantone (Accademia Bizantina). This

year, on Holy Saturday Krakow Opera House hosted Adrian Utlej (Portishead) and Will Gregory (Goldfrapp) with musicians conducted by Charles Hazlewood, who presented their extraordinary project - a touching music to 'La Passion de Joanna d'Arc,' a silent film listed on 'Vatican's List,' a compilation of films of special religious significance.



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www.misteriapaschalia.com

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∞ Detailed programme of the Festival:

<http://www.misteriapaschalia.com/701/702/programme.aspx>

∞ **Tickets** can be purchased about 3 months before the festival on the website: www.eventim.pl and in four InfoKraków city information centres at ul. św. Jana 2, pl. Wszystkich Świętych 2, ul. Powiśle 11 and ul. Siostry Faustyny 3. **Tickets are priced between PLN 60 and PLN 200 (15-50 EUR).**

∞ Further information about tickets and group orders: reservations@biurofestiwalowe.pl **Further information:** www.misteriapaschalia.com



Film Music Festival – an extraordinary project entirely dedicated to music created for cinematic needs. The festival attracts the biggest names in the world of film, music and culture to Krakow, as well as lovers of cinema and cinematic art from around the world. Krakow has so far hosted such film music giants as Oscar winners Tan Dun, Jan A.P. Kaczmarek and Howard Shore, as well as composers who worked on music for some of the biggest blockbusters, like Shigeru Umebayashi, Joe Hisaishi, Max Raabe and Tom Tykwer. The Festival also commissions full simultaneously orchestrated versions of the most popular movie blockbusters: *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy* and this year - *Pirates of the Caribbean - the Curse of the Black Pearl*.

The logo for the Film Music Festival (FMF) is displayed within a circular frame. It features the lowercase letters 'fmf' in a stylized, black, cursive font. The background of the logo is a light gray, and the entire logo is set against a dark background that appears to be a stage or concert hall.


☞ **Detailed programme of the Festival:** www.fmf.fm

☞ **Tickets** can be purchased about 2 months before the festival on the website: www.eventim.pl and in InfoKraków city information centres at ul. św. Jana 2, pl. Wszystkich Świętych 2, ul. Powiśle 11 since 28th of March.

Tickets are priced from PLN 30 to PLN 60 (6-15 EUR).

☞ **Further information** about tickets and group orders: reservations@biurofestiwalowe.pl
Further information: www.fmf.fm





Sacrum Profanum (the 11th-18th of September) – one of Europe's largest shows of twentieth-century music and - as critics unanimously claim - one of the most important musical events of our continent. The festival has built its brand by inviting the best bands playing contemporary music, including: Ensemble Modern, London Sinfonietta, Ensemble Intercontemporain and Klangforum Wien. Sacrum Profanum juxtaposes classical music with the achievements of the alternative music and ambitious pop scenes.

www.sacrumprofanum.com

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By working with stars such as: Aphex Twin, Chris Cunningham, Kraftwerk, Jónsi and Múm, Sacrum Profanum has become one of the most recognizable musical events in Europe. Every year, the festival's programme focuses on works by composers representing one country or a group of countries. In 2011, the festival will be marked by works of American minimalists, especially Steve Reich, who will celebrate at the festival his 75th birthday. The festival has already won several of the greatest Polish awards.

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🌀 Detailed programme of the Festival: <http://www.sacrumprofanum.com/pl/13/365/373/program>

🌀 Tickets can be purchased from June on the website: www.eventim.pl and in InfoKraków city information centres at ul. św. Jana 2, pl. Wszystkich Świętych 2, ul. Powiśle 11.

Tickets are priced from PLN 50 to PLN 190 (10-50 EUR).

🌀 Further information about tickets and group orders: reservations@biurofestiwalowe.pl
Further information: <http://www.sacrumprofanum.com>



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