

Festivals

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Kraków is a city of festivals. Every year Kraków hosts over 100 festivals, including about 50 festivals of international importance, such as the Jewish Culture Festival (since 1990), Krakowskie Zaduszki Jazzowe (Cracow Jazz All Souls' Day Festival, since 1954), Kraków Film Festival (since 1961), Music in the Old Kraków International Festival (since 1975), International Print Triennial held in Kraków (since 1966), and Festival of Street Theatres (since 1988). Every year new projects emerge like Sacrum Profanum (since 2003), Misteria Paschalia Festival (since 2004), Festival of Polish Music (2005) presenting the works of Polish music in world's greatest performances, and the Festival of Nations/ Dedications (2002) that in many cases make use of untypical city spaces and render them with new meanings.

A huge popularity is enjoyed by new cyclical events like the Kraków Nights. In 2007 the Theatre Night was organised for the first time modelled after the idea of the Museum Night hugely popular in Europe. On a June night theatrical projects are presented not only in indoor theatrical stages but also on specially prepared open-air stages in the open space to the audience of over 40,000 spectators every year.

In 2008 the Sacral Night was organised for the first time, while the Poetry Night had its inauguration in 2009.