

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE YOUTH BRASS ORCHESTRA "CON GRAZIA" IN PŁOŃSK

The Youth Brass Band is an amateur band established since 1994 in Płońsk. Since 1994, the orchestra's composition has been dominated by elementary and middle school students who, by exploiting both their diligence and spontaneity, have contributed to a change in the overall character of the ensemble. The most valuable virtues of the orchestra are youth, freshness and color.

Leszek Kalkowski is the conductor of the Youth Brass Orchestra in Płońsk, who, working with the State Music School I and II in Płońsk, cares for the development, workshops and constant influx of new musicians. An interesting aspect is the activity of music-loving families, whose membership in MOD in Płońsk is a tradition. The orchestra repertoire is extremely varied. Includes patriotic, religious, entertaining music and parade drills. This diversity is positively recognized by the wide audience and organizers of many national and international events.

Since 1999, at the Youth Brass Orchestra there is the marching and dancing group of Majorette Płońsk. Girls in three age categories: - 6, 7-12 and above, perform orchestral performances in Poland and abroad. Colorful costumes, attractive choreographies and sincere smiles are the main assets of the majestic peacocks that appear in their dance program - Marchand Dance, Charleston, Disco Dance to Rock 'n' Roll and Samba. The artistic manager and choreographer of the band is Mrs. Edyta Gałecka.

Karolina Bajer, Weronika Dobies, who creates the overall picture, are also caring for the style and character of the orchestra. The orchestra is represented by famous artists of Warsaw scenes in concerts of Papal Songs, Patriotic, Operetics, and Carols and Pastorals.

The Youth Brass Orchestra has participated in many prestigious festivals in Poland and abroad, but also expanded its reputation and participated in numerous competitions:

- 2001 - XVI National Polish Brass Band Festival - special prize
- 2002 - International Festival of Brass Orchestra Pelhrymov (Czech Republic)
- 2002 - VI Review of Warsaw and Mazovian Brass Bands Warsaw Ursus 1st place
- 2004 - General and Private Audience at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II
- 2004 - XIV International Citta di Mosciano Festival - Italy
- 2005 - International Citta di Mosciano Festival - Italy
- 2005 - Patriotic Songs Concert at the Polish Cemetery at Monte Casino
- 2006 - XX International Wiesental Festival Hagen - Germany

- 2006 - XXXIV All-Polish Youth Brass Band Festival Inowrocław
- the paradise musket - 2nd place.
- 2006 - XVI International Citta di Mosciano Festival - Italy
- 2007 - Mako International Mako Festival - Hungary
- 2007 - XVII International Festival Citta di Mosciano - Italy
- 2008 - XX International Wiesental Festival Hagen - Germany
- 2008 - International Brass Band Festival - Slovakia
- 2008 - XVIII International Citta di Mosciano Festival - Italy
- 2009 - XXIII International SHOW - PARADE - France, Belgium
- 2009 - Concert tour in Slovenia
- 2009 - XIX International Citta di Mosciano Festival - Italy
- 2010 - XXI International Festival Wiesental Hagen - Germany
- 2010 - International Brass Band Festival - Slovakia
- 2010 - XX International Citta di Mosciano Festival - Italy
- 2010 - Concerts Youth Brass Orchestra "Con Grazia" Płońsk in San Marino.
- 2010 - Patriotic Youth Concert Brass Orchestra Płońsk at the Cemetery of Polish Soldiers in Bologna.
- 2011 - Youth Concert Tour Brass Orchestra Płońsk - France (Crepy En Valais)
- 2011 - XIII International Brass Orchestra Mazeikiai-Lithuania
- 2012 - III Balkan Folk Fest Kiten - Bulgaria.
- 2013 - XLI All-Poland Youth Brass Orchestra Festival in Inowrocław I place in musket, I place Tambourine and audience award.
- 2014 - V Balkan Folk Fest Primorsko - Bulgaria.
- 2015 - XXV International Festival "Citta di Mosciano" - Italy.
- 2015 - Participation in International Celebrations at the Cemetery of Polish Soldiers in Loreto - Italy. On the occasion of the 71st Anniversary of the Liberation of the Marche Region by the Polish Soldiers.

-2015 - Concert Youth Brass Orchestra "Con - Grazia" Vienna (Austria).

-2016 - VII Balkan Folk Festival Golden Sands Varna - Bulgaria and Concert in Tiszafüred (Hungary).

-2017 - XV International Festival of Brass Orchestras - Mazeikiai-Lithuania

The Youth Brass Band "Con Grazia" is a band that continues to broaden its musical horizons and pursue professional goals - which is a major priority for the next years of activity.

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