

DECEMBER 2016



When: 2nd December (Friday), 5.00 PM, 8.00 PM

What: „Let's meet today” – the concert by *Warszawska Orkiestra Sentymentalna* (The Warsaw Sentimental Orchestra).

A concert tour promoting the orchestra's new album. *Warszawska Orkiestra Sentymentalna* (Warsaw Sentimental Orchestra) will perform songs from repertoire of A. Aston, W. Gran, M. Fogg and other stars of Polish pre-war music, theatre and cabaret scene.

Performing: Gabriela Mościcka (vocal, accordion), Lena Nowak (vocal, clarinet), Kazimierz Nitkiewicz (trumpet), Mateusz Kowalski (vocal, percussion instruments), Jakub Fedak (vibraphone), Łukasz Owczynn timer (double bass), Krzysztof Baranowski (mandolin, guitar).

Warszawska Orkiestra Sentymentalna was founded of passion to old melodies. The orchestra reaches to the roots of Polish pre-war music scene and continues the tradition of revue performances of dance and sentimental compositions, keeping natural and timeless charm of these songs, at the same time adding to them a bit of contemporary music sensitivity. The orchestra debuted in public in May 2015 at the *Nowa Tradycja* festival organized by Polish Radio Programme 2, where the ensemble received commendation.

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission: pre-sale: PLN 25.00; on the concert day: PLN 30.00



When: 3rd December (Saturday), 11.00 AM

What: *Acids and Alkalis* – RESEARCH WORKSHOP for children at the age 5–12.

This time our young attendants will become chemists. They will look on acids and alkalis and will learn the difference between those two compounds thanks to some jolly and colourful experiments.

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission: PLN 50.00 per cycle (2 sessions left); PLN 30 – single entrance.



When: 3rd December (Saturday), 6.00 PM

What: „American Style Concert” by a dancing group „Strefa Country” („Country Zone”). This time the audience will enjoy a dynamic dancing performance and a new country music trend by a quartet „ALABAMA BAND”. The band consists of: Andrzej Samson – acoustic guitar, vocal; Krzysztof Dyczkowski – bass guitar; Grzegorz Kopka – solo guitar, vocal; Stanisław Krzemiński – percussion. The event will be moderated by Andrzej Pajewski. As usually, the group „Strefa Country” will present some country dances and lead a dance lesson.

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission: pre-sale: PLN 10.00; on the concert day: PLN 15.00



When: 4th December (Sunday), 3.00 PM – 5.00 PM

What: *Christmas songs by a Christmas tree* – an open-air familiar event hosted by the Ochota District Council and the Ochota Cultural Centre. The audience will enjoy performances by the attendants of the Ochota Cultural Centre various courses: a children ballet group led by Dorota Sierakowska, and Jerzy Wasowski Vocal Studio led by Izabela Puk. The local authorities of the Ochota District will light up the Christmas tree. There will be the concert by PECTUS band and the laser show by the company TSE Laser.

Where: Plac Gabriela Narutowicza (Gabriel Narutowicz Square).

Admission is free!



When: 4th December (Sunday), 7.00 PM

What: *Batalion D'Amour* – the concert within the cycle „Premiere at OKO”.

The concert will be initiated by a famous Warsaw group „Lorien”. The audience will have the opportunity to meet our special guest Adam Wolski – the leader of the Golden Life Band. *Batalion D'Amour* is a Polish rock band formed in 1989. From the beginning the group was inspired by gothic rock and dark wave, which found the reflection in their music and soon after made them one of the most recognisable gothic rock bands in Poland. Eleven years after the last and fifth album the band is back with a brand new long play called „Fenix”. The name of this new album symbolizes the rebirth, magic and creativity. The new material made a step towards more alternative and synth rock music, including gothic and progressive elements. Karolina Andrzejewska's rich and beautiful voice combined with the Polish lyrics perfectly flows into the diversified compositions. All songs have their individual melodic style. The new album has been released in the market on 4th November and is accessible all over the world – in Europe, USA and Japan. For more details please see the group's Facebook profile.

You're more than welcome!

Where: OKO Theatre Hall, 13/21 Radomska Str., entrance C

Admission: pre-sale: PLN 25.00 (the front desk in the head office of the Ochota Cultural Centre – 75 Grójecka Str. Tel. 22 822 48 70; on the concert day: PLN 30.00



When: 9th December (Friday), 7.00 PM

What: *GRUNT TO BUNT – ROOTED IN REBELLION* – the performance by the band BAIKA. BAIKA is a new musical project of Piotr Banach – the leader and founder of such bands like HEY, DUM DUM and INDIOS BRAVOS.

Live broadcast www.radiobunt.com

The concert's record www.madeformusic.pl

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission: pre-sale: PLN 15.00; on the concert day: PLN 20.00



When: 10th December – 5th January. The opening day on 10th December (Saturday) at 12.00 (midday).

What: ART SPACE – the exhibition of paintings and ceramic artworks by the attendants of the Arts Workshop and the ceramic workshop Angoba – the branches of the Ochota Cultural Centre.

Where: The Pavilion "Pod Okiem", 79 Grójecka Str.

Admission is free!



When: 10th December (Saturday), 4.30 PM – 8.30 PM

What: 10THROCKAFELLAZ ANNIVERSARY „CYPHER ESSENCE” – the European meeting of the Breaking and Funk styles dancers.

Each year the event has the form of the so-called „Jam” – dances in the ring with invited guests. This year we have invited such guests like (inter alias) Bgirl At (Flow Mo Crew) from Finland, Knopek from Warsaw, the Warsaw Funk. There will be the representatives of Greece, Russia, USA, Slovenia, England, Lithuania, Spain and Italy and many others. Are you ready to dancing Saturday? You're welcome!

Where: OKO Theatre Hall, 13/21 Radomska Str., entrance C

Admission: PLN 15.00



When: 11th December (Sunday), 12.30 PM

What: Artistic Sunday with Mom and Dad – the spectacle „Happy Snowmen” by the Musical Theatre „Puntek”. – *I am a snowman and you are a little snowball, but one day you will become a snowman too...*

That is the beginning of a story about a little snowball girl's adventures. She wants to spend her Christmas traditionally – with Christmas tree ornaments, Christmas gifts and Christmas songs. The children will be invited to join the actors and play a story with them. After the spectacle we invite children and their parents to attend the artistic workshop devoted to Christmas and the musical workshop led by Des Orient Band musicians – Bogdan Kupisiewicz and Mariusz Puchłowski.

Where: OKO Theatre Hall, 13/21 Radomska Str., entrance C

Admission: PLN 10.



When: 11th December (Sunday), 6.00 PM

What: „Poetry is very mysterious” – the concert within the cycle „Nights by Bards” on the occasion of 10th anniversary of the death of Jerzy Menel – translator, writer and the author of texts, co-founder of the Literature and Music Association „Ballade”. The audience will listen to the songs of Brel, Brassens, Cont, Piaff and others. The performances by Ewa Gaworska, Justyna Bacz, Dorota Wasilewska, Piotr Bakal, Mirosław Czyżykiewicz, Jan Białęcki, Jan Jakub Należyty, Antoni Muracki, Darek Siastacz, Julian Mere, Darek Wasilewski, Stanisław Waszak.

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission: PLN 30.00



When: 16th December (Friday), 7.00 PM

What: Film Discussion Club – „Gimme Shelter” (1970) – a documentary film directed by Albert and David Maysles and Charlotte Zwerin chronicling the last weeks of The Rolling Stones' 1969 US tour which culminated in the disastrous Altamont Free Concert. The film is named after "Gimme Shelter", the lead track from the group's 1969 album *Let It Bleed*. The film was screened at the 1971 Cannes Film Festival, but was not entered into the main competition. The Maysles brothers filmed the first concert of the tour at Madison Square Garden in New York City. After the concert, the Maysles brothers asked the Rolling Stones if they could film them on tour, and the band agreed. Much of the film chronicles the behind-the-scenes dealmaking that took place to make the free Altamont concert happen, including much footage of well-known attorney Melvin Belli negotiating by telephone with the management of the Altamont Speedway. The movie also includes a playback of Hells Angels leader Ralph "Sonny" Barger's famous call-in to radio station KSAN-FM's "day after" program about the concert, wherein he recalls, "They told me if I could sit on the edge of the stage so nobody could climb over me, I could drink beer until the show was over."

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission is free!



When: 17th December (Saturday), 6.00 PM

What: „This is the way it is...” – the author's recital by Tomasz Szwed & the band „Szwedzki stół” („Smorgasbord”). The concert within the cycle „Nights by Bards”.

Again we invite you for a traditional pre-Christmas meeting with Tomasz Szwed who will both sing ballades, lyrics and present political and social satire, country songs etc. The concert programme will be crowned with the best pieces from the artist's rich repertoire – hits and openings. Reflective, funny and magical.

Tomasz Szwed – Author, composer and psychotherapist. He's highly appreciated in his milieu. Performing since 1978, he composes moving songs about everyday life, human experiences, describing the world from the perspective of an ordinary person. His concerts are very popular – from Festivals in Mrągowo to intimate guitar recitals. They bring together youngsters and adults, people who just want to have fun or more demanding audience. In his repertoire we can find traditional, Anglo-Saxon music, country, blues, bluegrass, folk as well as Celtic music. He takes part in music festivals, comedy shows, radio and TV programs. He hosts concerts, organises music, theatre and therapeutic workshops. He's often invited as a member of jury for music or poetry contests. His songs appear on numerous albums, his poems in a few books. He received many awards in press and radio plebiscites. Several times he represented Poland at international festivals. For the last couple of years he enriched his repertoire with political comments and presents them during comedy shows and on TV.

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission: pre-sale: PLN 30.00; on the concert day: PLN 35.00



When: 18th December (Sunday), 7.00 PM

What: „Let's glitter the Star of Bethlehem” – The Folks OKO cycle – the concert by Karolina Skrzyńska with her band. The concert will be in winter and Christmas atmosphere, full of emotions and joy. The concert will include well known and popular Christmas melodies and songs in new surprising arrangements, but also the author's pieces that will enrich the audience's experience. The audience will enjoy moving melodies, rhythms, texts and much more. However, the music doesn't reflect typical Polish folk, but the mix of original and modern sounds and various vocal techniques. The discussion with the band after the performance will be moderated by a music journalist Adam Dobrzyński.

www.karolinaskrzyńska.pl

www.facebook.com/karolina.skrzyńska.music

Where: The Ochota Cultural Centre, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission: pre-sale: PLN 20.00; on the concert day: PLN 25.00



When: 19th December (Monday), 7.00 PM

What: „Let's be happy” – the Christmas concert by the students of J. Wasowski Vocal Studio and the band headed by Grzegorz Karaś.

The concert will be crowned with Christmas carols, pastorals, Polish and foreign Christmas songs in the interpretation of young vocalists.

Where: The cafe-club „Mam Ochotę”, 75 Grójecka Str.

Admission is free!



**The booking and the sale of tickets:
Front Office OKO, 75 Grójecka Str., Tel. (22) 822 48 70**