

“Multiculturally at Wesola – Let’s get to know each other better!”

Cracow has been a meeting place of cultures, languages, and traditions for centuries. On **September 6**, starting at **3:00 PM**, we invite all residents to a special outdoor event, “**Multiculturally at Wesola – Let’s get to know each other better**”—filled with music from around the world, artistic and educational workshops, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere. During the event, for the **seventh time**, the title of **Cracovian Ambassadors of Multiculturalism** will be awarded—honoring individuals and organizations who have significantly contributed to dialogue and integration in our city.

The first weekend of September is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Cracow’s diversity together. From 3:00 PM until evening, we’ll dance, sing, explore new skills, and enjoy the presence of people from all over the world who have made Cracow their home.

Artists from Ukraine, Belarus, and Cameroon will perform. On the main stage, you’ll hear music from different continents—from traditional songs and rhythms of India, Africa, and Brazil to contemporary sounds of multicultural Cracow. There will also be a fashion show featuring traditional costumes from many parts of the world.

Program Schedule

Time	Activity
15:00–17:00	"Let’s get to know each other better": workshops, dance, music
17:00–17:30	<i>Chór w Kontakcie</i> choir conducted by Wassim Ibrahim
17:30–18:00	National Reading in a multicultural version
18:00–19:00	Musical journey to Cameroon with the band BLUEVEREST
19:00–20:00	Finale of the “Cracovian Ambassador of Multiculturalism A.D. 2024” contest
20:00–21:00	Final concert: “ Cracow – we belong here ”

Workshops for Everyone (15:00–18:00)

- For lovers of the East: Japanese tea ceremony and Chinese calligraphy
- For the active: English-language yoga and Indian & Brazilian dance workshops
- For the creative: face painting, jewellery making, patchwork bags in the Roma style
- For the curious: Turkish "Lajkonik painting" and storytelling about cultures

Each workshop will be led by Cracow residents from different cultural backgrounds—an excellent chance to meet your neighbours and learn about their traditions.

National Reading – Multicultural Edition

This event is part of the nationwide **National Reading** initiative, which this year celebrates the work of **Jan Kochanowski**. At 5:30 PM, **Cracovian Ambassadors of Multiculturalism** will read excerpts from his works, showing how Polish literary values can inspire and unite people, regardless of their origins.

Gala Finale & Concert

At 7:00 PM, the day's highlight will begin—the ceremonial awarding of the title “**Cracovian Ambassador of Multiculturalism A.D. 2024**.” For the seventh time, the Mayor of Cracow will honor those who build bridges between cultures and work for an open, inclusive city.

The evening will close with the concert “**Cracow – we belong here**”, performed by Joanna Słowińska & the Stanisław Słowiński Quartet. Joining them are guest artists who have chosen Cracow as their home: **Wassim Ibrahim** (Syria), **Giovanny Laguado** (Colombia), and **Ethan Smith** (South Africa).

Building a Multicultural Community

The competition for the “**Cracovian Ambassador of Multiculturalism**” title has been held since 2019. A remarkable number of people and organisations have been honoured over the years:

- **2018**
Organisations: INTERKULTURALNI PL, Diversity Hub
Individuals: Olha Menko, Urszula Majcher–Legawiec
- **2019**
Organisations: *Chór w Kontakcie*, Collaborate, Krakow!
Individuals: Anna Wilczyńska, David McGirr
- **2020**
Organisations: Federacja Znaki Równości, Polistrefa Foundation
Individuals: Joanna Antonik, Ziyad Raoof
- **2021**
Organizations: Fundacja Wolno Nam, Podgórze Cultural Center
Individuals: Maria Wojtacha, Edyta Jaśkowiak
- **2022**
Organizations: Willa Decjusza Association, British International School of Cracow

Individuals: Jan Słowiński, Jolanta Jurusik

- **2023**

Organizations: Salam Lab (Peace Actions Laboratory Association), Specialist Psychological–Pedagogical Clinic for Children with Learning Difficulties in Cracow

Individuals: Bożydar Pająk, Agnieszka Widacka-Bisaga

“Open Cracow – a city for everyone”

“Multiculturally at Wesola” is part of the city’s **“Open Cracow”** program, aimed at promoting dialogue, tolerance, and mutual respect among residents from diverse backgrounds through educational, cultural, and integration initiatives—helping everyone feel at home in Cracow.

Practical Info

- **When:** September 6, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM
 - **Where:** Łąka na Wesolej (Wesola Meadow)
 - **Admission:** Free!
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