



Jazz Department • Krzysztof Penderecki Academy of Music in Kraków • October 21-22, 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Department of Jazz at the Krzysztof Penderecki Academy of Music in Kraków is pleased to invite you to participate in the 3rd International Scientific Conference "Jazz XXI."

The dynamic development of jazz scenes in Poland and around the world over the past dozen or so years has made it increasingly difficult to follow the many changes taking place in the field – in performance and composition, as well as in jazz education, concert programming, and festival culture. The number of active artists and the breadth of their recorded output continue to grow, an increasing number of educational institutions are offering specialised jazz programmes, and the concert and festival landscape of jazz and improvised music is becoming ever more diverse.

The aim of the conference is to examine and critically reflect on the most significant contemporary trends in jazz in Poland and around the world, with particular attention to developments in performance practice, composition, education, and the broader functioning of contemporary jazz scenes.

We invite artists, educators and academics specialising in jazz music to participate in the conference. The conference will focus in particular on the following areas:

- The craft of the jazz performer
- Outstanding musicians and new faces on the contemporary jazz scene
- Contemporary centres of jazz education
- Contemporary approaches to jazz pedagogy
- Contemporary jazz festival and club scenes
- Contemporary jazz repertoire
- New releases in jazz
- The aesthetics of jazz
- Jazz literature and writing

We invite you to join us in reflecting on the directions in which jazz is developing in the 21st century, its contemporary artistic and educational practices, and the transformations taking place in its performance, concert, and creative spheres.



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Conference Secretary

- dr Marcin Banaszek, marcin.banaszek@amuz.krakow.pl

Conference venue

- Presentations: Chamber Hall, Krzysztof Penderecki Academy of Music in Kraków, św. Tomasza 43
- Concert: Concert Hall, Krzysztof Penderecki Academy of Music in Kraków, św. Tomasza 43

Applications

- Application deadline is September 20, 2026. Please send the completed application form to marcin.banaszek@amuz.krakow.pl
- Qualified participants will be notified by September 21, 2026. The organiser reserves the right to select submissions for inclusion in the conference programme.
- Presentation time: lecture – up to 20 minutes, artistic presentation/workshop – up to 30 minutes.

Conference fee

- The conference fee (600 PLN gross) should be paid by September 30, 2026. The bank account details:

Bank PEKAO SA, III Oddział Kraków IBAN: PL 41 1240 2294 1111 0000 3708 8240 BIC/SWIFT: PKOPPLPW Payment reference: <i>III Konferencja Jazz XXI</i>

- The conference fee includes lunch and dinner on October 21, lunch on October 22 and coffee breaks.
- Participants cover the cost of their accommodation. The organisers of the conference do not arrange accommodation.

Post-conference publication

- The Department of Jazz plans to publish the third volume of the "Jazz XXI" conference publication, featuring contributions related to the topics presented and discussed during the conference.