



Suwałki Blues Festival 2009

16 - 18 July 2009

We invite you to 2nd edition of Suwałki Blues Festival 2009. Bands from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Norway and USA will perform on the stage. It will be real blues day in this part of Europe. In the program concerts on two big stages and on two smaller street stages, night club concerts with jam sessions. We propose you blues breakfasts in restaurants and acoustic concerts at nights. We invite you to instrumental workshops, seminars, exhibitions of music equipment, CDs and books. The novelty of the festival will be common concert of blues band and Suwałki Chamber Orchestra. A few words about history of the festival. Cooperation between Suwałki and Notodden was established in 2007 in the frame of "Innovation Circle" project with organization of blues music concerts "In the circle of blues" was organized. Blues bands from Norway, Lithuania, United States and Poland presented themselves. This event was a real success. After the festival contacts with Notodden became deeper. In 2007 delegation of Suwałki City visited Notodden Blues Festival. This visit was very fruitful. It contributed in making by the President of Suwałki City and Suwałki City Council the final decision concerning organization of the festival in Suwałki in 2008. Notodden Municipality and organizers of Notodden Blues Festival helped us during realization of our festival. We were given useful advices and practical information, contacts with blues groups. We also used the experience of our Norwegian partners. 1st Suwałki Blues Festival run in due time of 18-19th July 2008. It was an organizational and artistic success. During the event performed 25 bands and app. 120 artists. In participants', groups' and invited guests' opinion it was well organized event. Polish blues fans assert the festival was the debut of this year and the event can be one of the biggest and even the biggest blues festival in Poland. More than 10 000 people (inhabitants of Suwałki and tourists) participated in the festival.

Spoonful of Blues (NO)



Jeremy Spencer (GB)



Nina Van Horn (USA / F)



Knut Reiersrud Band (NO)

Today we can say for sure that the Suwałki Blues Festival will be in 2009. We must make special effort to prepare better promotion on national and international level to attract Polish and European audience. We heartily invite you to visit the festival from 16th till 18th July 2009. It'll be excellent occasion for contact with favourite music and rest within Suwalszczyzna – „the place like fairyland”.



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