



Competition Verdict

A jury composed of 14 experts listed in the Rules of the International Competition *In the Spirit of Strzelecki* chaired by Dr Marek Leszek Krzesniak, the *President of the Polish Kosciuszko Foundation (PFK)* in Warsaw, decided to award the following prizes:

In the Adult Category – Songs

The First Prize of 5 thousand Australian dollars is given to LECH MAKOWIECKI from Gdynia/Polska for his song *Bądźmy wszyscy jak Strzelecki* (Lets all be like Strzelecki);

The Second Prize of 3 thousand dollars goes to Dr LACHLAN BARNES of Sydney for his song *Ode to Strzelecki*;

The Third Prize of 1 thousand dollars goes to two artists of Poland, ALINA MAŁACHOWSKA (music, vocal) and BARBARA POSTAWA (lyrics) for their song *Oj, Adyno, Oj Adyno*;

- A Special PULS POLONII Prize of \$500.00 goes to artists from Poland: JULIAN GILEWSKI (music), PIOTR BUJNOWSKI (vocal) and KASIA DOMINIK (lyrics) for their song *Hymn dla Strzeleckiego* (A Hymn for Strzelecki);
- Another special PULS POLONII Prize of \$400.00 goes to SŁAWEK KAZAN of Gold Coast, Australia for his song *Ballada o Strzeleckim* (A Ballad of Strzelecki);

Because of very high artistic level, the Jury decided to award High Distinction Diplomas along with book gifts to the following 7 entrants:

- MICHAŁ OBREŃBSKI (music) & GOSIA WITKOWSKA (vocal, lyrics) both of Poznan, for their song *Who is the Man* (A kto to jest?);
- Another couple from Poland: ZBIGNIEW PAPROCKI (music & vocal) and REGINA SOBIK (lyrics) for their song *Tęsknota Strzeleckiego* (The Yearning of Strzelecki);
- A singer from Australia: MELANIE HORSNELL of Condelo, NSW, for her song *How does the heart of the explorer grow* (Jak dojrzewa serce podróżnika);
- IWONNA BUCZKOWSKA of Warsaw for her song *Jak Strzelecki* (Just like Strzelecki);

- WOJCIECH POPKIEWICZ of Wrocław, Poland (music & vocal) and MAGDALENA ŻUK of Paris (vocal) for their song *Letters to Adyna* (Listy do Adyny);
- Two entrants: ZOFIA KASZUBSKA of Melbourne (music & vocal) and PATRYCJUSZ PILAWSKI (lyrics) of Wodzisław, Poland – for their song *Limeryki i clerihew* (Limericks & clerihew);
- Another couple: JERZY SCISŁOWSKI (music, vocal) and MARYSIA THIELE (lyrics), both from Australia for their song *Legenda o Pawle Strzeleckim* (A Legend of Strzelecki)

A VERY SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO MAŁGORZATA SAWICKA (of Polish Radio, Lublin) for her entry *Suita australijska – Głos Ziemi* (The Australian Suite – The Voice of Earth) which was not classified as a song; it got the highest score, but no prize.

In the Adult Category in POETRY the jury awarded the following entrants:

The First Prize of \$2,000 goes to MARIOLA KRUSZEWSKA of Minsk Mazowiecki for her poem *Krok za krokiem – jedwabna parasolka* (Step by step);

The Second Prize with \$1500 goes to MONIKA ATHANASIOU of Melbourne for her poem *Terra Nullius* (Ziemia Niczyja);

The Third Prize with \$500 goes to Poland to KATARZYNA WIKTORIA POLAK of Kraków, Poland for her poem *Góra Kościuszki* (Mt Kosciuszko);

Because of very high artistic level, the Jury decided to award High Distinction Diplomas along with book gifts to the following 5 entrants:

- REGINA SOBIK of Rybnik, Poland for her poem *Anioł Nadziei* (An Angel of Hope);
- MAREK BATEROWICZ of Sydney for his poem *Medytacja na szczycie* (Meditation on the summit);
- KRZYSZTOF KOKOT of Nowy Targ, Poland, for a series of his miniatures: *Five O'Clock & Na szczęście & Adyna* (Five O'Clock & Luckily & Adyna);
- ANNA PILISZEWSKA of Wieliczka, Poland, for her poem *Góra Adyny w mgieł woalu* (Mt Adina in the Veil of Fog);
- LECH MAKOWIECKI of Gdynia for his Odes: *Do Filantropa, Podróżnika i Polaka* (To a Philanthrope, Traveller and a Pole);

In the Fine Arts Adult Category the following entries were awarded

The first Prize of \$3,000 goes to ALEKSANDRA DUKAT of Melbourne for her painting *Strzelecki on the Dreaming Tracks Led by Aboriginal Guides*;

The second Prize of \$2,000 goes to Poland, to PIOTR SŁOWIANSKI of Kobyłka, for his photo-panorama *Explorer, Scientist, Philanthropist*; (Odkrywca, Naukowiec, Filantrop);

And the third prize of \$1,000 goes to Poland, to MARTA FRUZINSKA of Łódź for her image *Strzelecki w objęciach Nieznanego* (In the Embrace of the Unknown);

High Distinction Diplomas go to seven artists:

*ANNA OLSZEWSKA of Lipno, Poland for the portrait Strzelecki – *Tak go widzę; This is the Way, I see him;*

* DARIA LIUI of Saratov in Russia, for her performance *Pavel Edmund Strzelecki travels along middle Volga* (Strzelecki w podróży nad rzeką Wołgą);

* DAWID CELEK of Wrocław, Poland for his image *Ciekawość – Curiosity;*

* ELENA ŁABETSKAJA of Taszkient/Uzbekistan for her painting *Strzelecki in NSW*, featuring *Strzelecki in the Blue Moutains;*

* ROBERT KOWALCZYK of Sydney for his image *The Discovery;*

* HAKOB MIKAYELYAN an Armenian artist of Warsaw for his painting *Strzelecki na tle Gór Śnieżnych* (Strzelecki with the Snowies in the backdrop);

* RIHO OKAGAMI SIEDLECKA, a Japanese artist of Sydney for her futuristic cartoon *If Strzelecki was born in the future* (Gdyby Strzelecki urodził się w przyszłości);

In the Youth Song Category (12 – 18) – (only) two awards have been awarded

The First Prize with \$1,000 goes to a duo from John Paul the II School in Albion/Melbourne, for their song *Rapowa Ballada Strzeleckiego* (Strzelecki Rap Ballad) ADAM WERNER AND OLIWIER JAŚKOWSKI;

The Second Prize with \$500 goes to KINGA KOZEK of the Polish School in Chatswood, Sydney, for her performance of the song *Strzelecki podróżnik, przewodnik znakomity* (Strzelecki a great explorer) - written and composed by Marzena Mazurek

In the Youth Poetry Category, the following prizes were awarded

The First Prize with \$500 goes to JACEK STACHE of the Strzelecki School in Głuszyna, Poland, for his *List do Pawła Edmunda Strzeleckiego* (A Letter to Strzelecki);

The Second Prize with \$300 goes to LENA PANEK of the Mickiewicz High School in Góra, Poland, for her poem *Etiuda do człowieka współczesnego* (Etiude for the Contemporary Man);

The third Prize with \$200 goes to MIKOŁAJ GĘSIECKI of the Mickiewicz High School in Góra, Poland, for his work bearing an English title: *The World through your eyes, my friend; (Świat twymi oczami, przyjacielu)*;

A High Distinction Diploma and a book gift were awarded to ALEXIEY RIDDLE of Mt Waverley Secondary School, Melbourne, for his poem in English entitled *Reaching the Heights* (Zdobywając Szczyty).

In the Youth Art Category, the following prizes were awarded:

The first prize of \$500 goes to MARCEL JASKOWSKI of the John Paul II School in Albion, Melbourne for his cartoon *The Adventure of Edmund Strzelecki* (Komiks Przygody Strzeleckiego);

The second prize of \$300 goes to Poland to HANNA WIELEBSKA of Kosciuszko High School in Konin, Poland, for her painting *Strzelecki in Australia* (Strzelecki w Australii);

The Third Prize of \$200 goes again to Poland, to ALEKSANDRA PŁATEK of Brwinów, for her cartoon Strzelecki: *Maniacy złota* (Gold Maniacs);

There are 8 High Distinction Diplomas with book gifts:

- RAFAŁ GRUDZIŃSKI, of St Faustine School in Rzesza, LITHUANIA, for his fine art entry *Strzelecki przed Górą Kościuszki* (Strzelecki facing Mt Kosciuszko);
- MARIANNA GAŁCZYŃSKA from The Sobieski High School, Kraków, for *Portret Strzeleckiego na Zielono*, (Strzelecki's Portrait in Green);
- ALEXANDRA WOŹNIAK from Argo Community School, Illinois, USA for her painting *Steppe by Steppe* (Krok po kroku);
- RAFAŁ MICKIEWICZ from St Faustine School in Rzesza, LITHUANIA, for his fine art *Kolaż* (Collage);

- MICHALINA MIKULSKA of The Heroes of Westerplatte School in Garwolin, Poland, for her poster *Śladami Strzeleckiego* (In the footsteps of Strzelecki);
- JOANNA PATEREK of the Mickiewicz High School in Góra, Poland, for her painting *Strzelecki oczami świata* (Strzelecki the eyes of the world).

HEAD OF THE JURY PANEL



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