



Suwałki

Culture activities are carried out by



Culture Institutions in Suwałki
Private Operators
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The largest institution is **Suwałki Culture Centre**, established in **2012** from the merger of Youth Culture Centre and Regional Centre of Culture and Art

The main tasks of Suwałki Culture Centre include

- 1) Carrying out cultural education,
- 2) Carrying out culture and artistic events,
- 3) Organization of exhibitions and outdoor painting workshops with professional and amateur artists,
- 4) Animation activities and cooperation with the non-governmental associations,
- 5) Carrying out tasks in the field of cultural heritage





The annual budget of the institution is on average 8 mln pln (1,8 mln euro) of which 6,5 mln pln (1,42 mln euro) is the municipality's subsidy and the rest of 2 mln pln (440 thousand euro) is its income.



In Suwałki Culture Centre works **75 people** – animators, educators, administration employees. Education is conducted in the following studios:

- Theatre Studios
- Dance Studios
- Photo Studios
- Fine Arts Studio
- Music and Vocal Studios
- Folklore and Handicrafts Studio



At the Suwałki Culture Centre, there is also

- Suwałki Chamber Orchestra
- Song and Dance Ensemble "Suwalszczyzna"



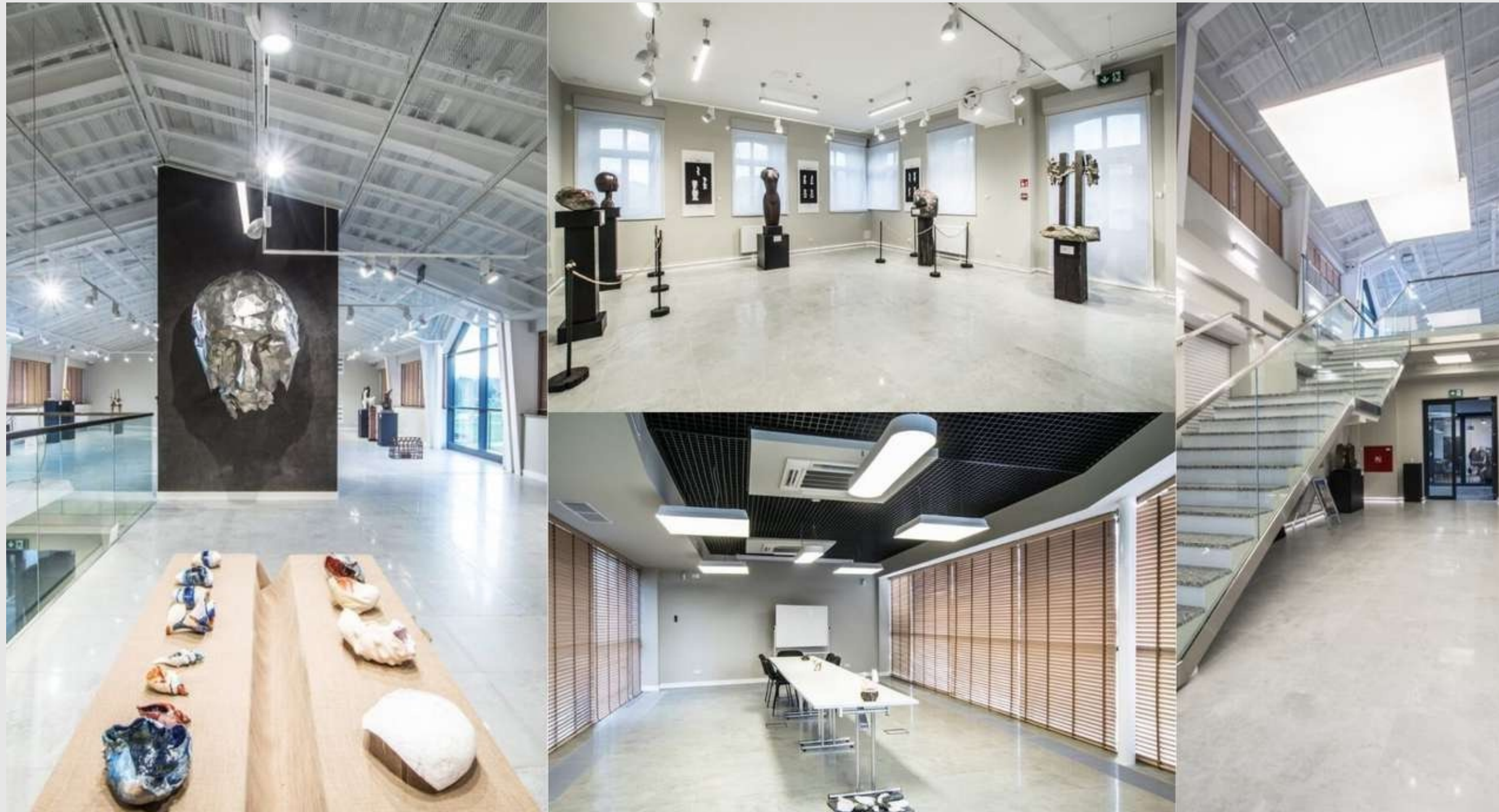
Four galleries within the institution's structure:

- "Stara Łaźnia" Art Gallery
- Chłodna 20 Gallery
- Patio Gallery
- One Picture Gallery



"Stara Łaźnia" Art Gallery

The renovation of the gallery building was carried out as part of the Regional Operation Programme of the Podlaskie Voivodeship for 2014-2020 from the European Regional Development Fund, the National budget and Suwałki Municipality's funds.



The Gallery is located in a historic, revitalized two-storey building of the former bathhouse in Suwałki. It is of 180 sq m exhibition building. The Gallery is located at the boulevards of the Czarna Hańcza River. The facility has gained a new life and since July 2020 it has been implementing functions related to broadly understood cultural, social and sports topics.



ANDRZEJ
STRUMIŁŁO

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The grand opening of the facility was on 17th July 2020. It was accompanied by the exhibition called "Around Czarna Hańcza River" presenting the works/sculptures of both Polish and Lithuanian artists.

In "Stara Łaźnia" gallery, apart from individual and collective exhibitions, the permanent exhibition presents the works of Andrzej Strumiłło.



The modernized space at the Czarna Hańcza River's boulevards is conducive to family activities. The institution tries to meet the residents' expectations by organizing various types of events, e.g. the series of marine concerts like "Shanties near the Old Bathhouse" (Orig. Szanty przy Starej Łażni) or ecological action of restocking within the project named "The man and the river. The Czarna Hańcza River feast." (orig. Człowiek i Rzeka Święto Czarnej Hańczy")



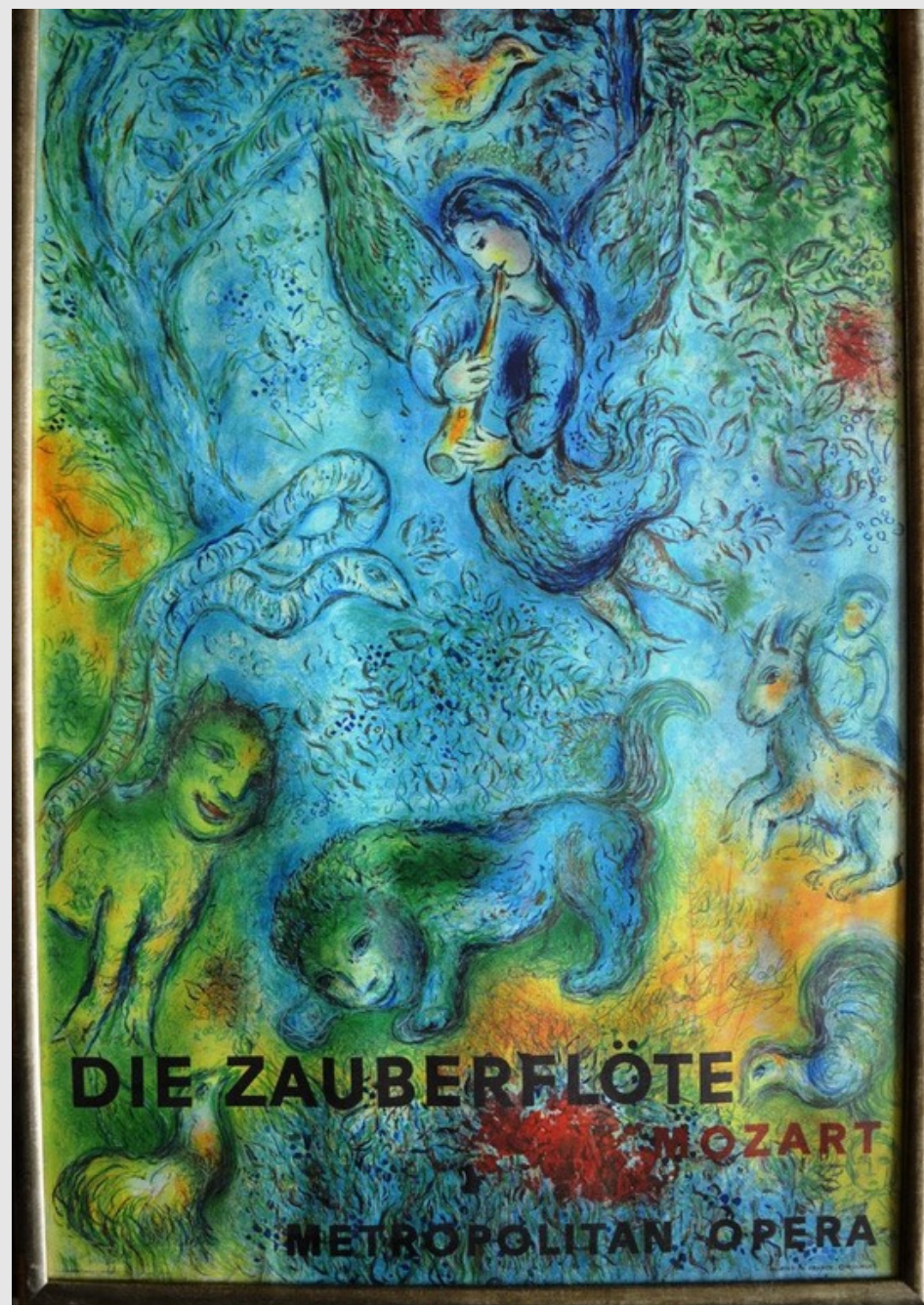
Chłodna 20 Gallery

Chłodna 20 Contemporary Art Gallery for many years now is a place friendly to artists, art and its audience. The gallery presents not only paintings, but also sculpture, graphics, photography, and new media.



One Painting Gallery

One Painting Gallery is located in a small building at the corner of Tadeusz Kościuszko Street and Józef Piłsudski Square. In 2008, it was renovated and transformed into a gallery. It is one of the smallest galleries in Poland.



Patio Gallery

It is located at the Suwałki Culture Centre's main building. It is a place where you can experience modern artworks made by various artists from Poland and abroad.

We have already presented Salvador Dali's graphics, works of Marc Chagall, and other pieces of Op-art artists.

Suwałki Culture Centre organizes over 400 different events throughout the year. These are...





Camaldolese Fair



Folklore Fair

Series of concerts "On Mary's Rug"



Soulwalki Gospel Workshop



We are currently focusing on a new project
- WAJDA ANEW Film Festival





Due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the substantive events like concerts, tutorials, animations were transmitted online via YouTube and the institution's Facebook.



The most significant events implemented by the institution:

- Suwałki Blues Festival
- International Festival of Children and Youths Theatres "Wigraszek"
- International Sing and Dance Competition "Muszelki Wigier"
- International Meetings with Monodrama for the Golden Horseshoe of Pegasus

Suwałki Blues Festival

