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“Figuring the Chaos Out”: Organization of the Krakow Film Music Festival from the Perspective of Project Manager and Stage Manager

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ABSTRACT

The article was written on the basis of ethnographic research of the Krakow Film Music Festival in 2019. The research in the form of observation and interviews was held by a team of ten researchers belonging to the “Konfraternia Eksploratorów Kultury” (“Confraternity of Culture Explorers”) scientific circle operating at the Institute of Culture of the Jagiellonian University. The article presents how the organization of the festival looks like in the perspective of two people managing different spheres of it - the project manager and the stage manager. The organization itself can be reduced to the common denominator of “figuring the chaos out”. The festival is a complex collection of spontaneous and often unexpected situations. The managers and the physical space in which the organizers operate and the audience stays, have therefore tasks that introduce order, so the tasks of “figuring out”. The article is then a story about ordering the festival reality.

KEY WORDS

Krakow Film Music Festival, organization of a festival, ethnography of a festival, event management

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