

## Tofifest is the first stop on Maria Peszek's new tour.

The first concert to promote the brand new album of Maria Peszek in Poland shall be a crowning touch to the official finish of the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of the IFF Tofifest planned on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

The new album by this rebellious artist titles "Jezus Maria Peszek" (Jesus Mary Peszek) shall have its official release in just a couple of days.

Maria Peszek is one of the most popular alternative artist in Poland, who has already won awards at Przegląd Piosenki Aktorskiej (Festival of Singing Actors) in Wroclaw, Dwa Teatry (Two Theatres) Festival in Sopot, two Fryderyk Awards and Paszport Polityki (Polityka's Passport), and reached the Gold and Platinum Disc levels with her albums. She has been invited by the organisers of the IFF Tofifest to give a concert in Torun. The event is organised in cooperation with the legendary Od Nowa Student's Club, which is among others famous as the birthplace of Republika rock band. The first concert to support the new album by Maria Peszek in Poland shall take place directly after the Closing Ceremony of the IFF Tofifest, on stage of the Od Nowa club.

The long-awaited album shall be available in stores on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The album's premiere has been supported by a single *"Padam"*, which has been circulated to many radio stations. *"The third album tells the truth of any artist"*, says Peszek and adds that the new album is the most important one in her entire career. She advertises it as *"a very personal, powerful, brutal, yet beautiful"* thing. This message is the vanguard of a significant change for Maria herself, as this time she has participated in the composing process and co-produced the album. All those, who are already familiar with the previous two albums by Maria Peszek, should be astounded to learn that the new album is entirely devoid of swear words and references to sex. The album contains 12 songs and the music on it has been co-written and produced by Michał "Fox" Król. *"We go a long way back with Fox, but it took us a long time to make up our minds on making an entire album together. The process turned out to be a much more interesting and incredible adventure, than we could have ever expected it to be...", says Maria Peszek. The artist has already released two albums, which have won wide recognition: <i>Miastomania* (2005) and *Maria Awaria* (2008). The debut album won two Fryderyk Awards in the Music Production of the Year and New Face of Phonography categories. The latter was produced by Andrzej Smolik and it reached the Platinum Disc status.

It is not a coincidence that Maria Peszek has been invited to this film festival. She was only 11 years old, when she debuted on screen. It was 1984 and she took on the role of Aldzia Klos in *Rozalka Olaboga* TV series. Still in 1984, she also performed in the Juliusz Słowacki Theatre in Krakow in *Wesele* (The Wedding), directed by Mikołaj Grabowski. Her acting experience also includes film roles in *Night Graffiti* by Maciej Dutkiewicz, *Julie Walking Home* by Agnieszka Holland and *The List of Adulteresses* by Jerzy Stuhr. Maria Peszek is the author of the song "You will find me again" to the controversial film *Out of Love* by Anna Jadowska (produced by the Vostok 8 studio run by Torun-born Dawid Janicki).

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