

## PGA is back in the game!

**It was three days full of emotions! Returning after the break, Poznań Game Arena attracted visitors with numerous games, the possibility of testing the gaming gear and, above all, meeting other players.**

Two years and two days - that's exactly how many gaming and new technology fans had to wait for the next edition of Poznań Game Arena. Following a pandemic break, the event has resurfaced at the Poznań International Fair. - *From the beginning, we were determined that the PGA would return in a traditional, stationary formula* - admits Łukasz Wołonkiewicz, Director of Poznań Game Arena. - *We are all pleased that the end of our efforts is so successful. Great attendance and positive feedback from exhibitors confirm that the strategy we chose turned out to be right and provided all participants with unforgettable impressions and emotions* - he adds.

### Games first and foremost

Nearly 100 different titles could be tested by the participants of the Poznań Game Arena fair. Among them, there are niche productions created by independent developers, games for the youngest and premiere titles such as Far Cry 6 or Back 4 Blood. Of course, the best gaming gear could not be missing, which provided an excellent experience of communing with these games. The exhibition was also filled with amazing simulators, which are very popular among visitors. Individual exhibitors showed great creativity in creating their stands. Komputronik invited players to the gaming octagon, and Genesis, in turn, created the player's dream room.

### Lots of attractions on the main stage

Traditionally, an important place on the PGA map was the main stage, which, as in previous years, provided many positive impressions and unforgettable emotions. The program of the scene was dominated primarily by e-sport. In front of the audience, we could watch devils.one, who hosted the duels in Valorant. Fans of this game could not only follow the struggles but also join the competition themselves. FIFA fans also found something for themselves. At PGA we could see a friendly match between the teams of Arka Gdynia and Illegal eSports. A moment later a person drawn from the audience could start the match with... Karol Linetty! The Polish representative played against one of the PGA participants. At the same time, the well-known actor Kuba Wesołowski took care of professional commentary. The organizer of this special duel was the Triggy brand. Tekken 7 and Mortal Kombat 11 duels were the culmination of the esports struggle.

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The main stage program was complemented by interesting shows and lectures. Representatives of the Klabater and Monster Couch brands talked about their projects. Hubert Blejch recalled how a few years ago he broke the Guinness record in the game at the PGA without interruption.

The highlight of the program, however, was the PGA Genesis Cosplay Show finale. The 25 finalists presented their unusual creations to the audience, referring to them from widely understood pop culture. The level of the creations presented was extremely high, and the jury had a hard nut to crack. The cosplayers themselves were a very colourful part of the event, participating in it for all three days.

### Prizes and awards

On the occasion of PGA, there were of course awards for game developers. On the first day of the fair, we met the winners of the CEEGA plebiscite aimed at promoting production from Central and Eastern Europe. The most, three statuettes, including the most important one for the best game, were won by Cyberpunk 2077. A day later we got to know the winners of the PGA Awards for the best Indie games. Here are the winners:

Best Indie Booth - Frozen District

Best Indie International Game - Heavy Duty Challenge

Best Indie Game - Against The Storm

### Festival of Historical and Socially Involved Games

The introduction to this year's PGA edition was the Festival of Historical and Socially Involved Games. The project was co-financed by the Ministry of Culture, National Heritage and Sports to show games from a completely different perspective - as part of a culture that can raise important social issues. In addition to interesting lectures with the participation of Polish artists, as part of the Festival, a game development marathon was organized under the name of Polish-Swiss Game Jam on Sustainability. The created projects were to relate to the issues related to environmental protection. 40 game jam participants showed great creativity, creating interesting projects.

### See you next year

This year's edition of Poznań Game Arena has gone down in history. The organizers invite you today for the next installment of this unique event. PGA 2022 is scheduled for October 7th-9th.

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