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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Witaj!* Summertime greetings to everyone! I hope you and your families and friends are finding plenty of ways to enjoy these gorgeous, warm days together.

June is a special month for me, because my birthday is on the summer solstice. A long time ago in Poland, people used to celebrate the end of the longest day of the year with bonfires, singing, dancing, and other fun. Christianity moved the midsummer celebration to June 23<sup>rd</sup>, *Noc Świętojańska*, St. John's Eve. Today, Poles mark this day with organized events across Poland.

Of course, June is the month when Milwaukee's Polish Fest takes place, a great event that offers food, drink, music, artists, Polish sheepdogs, and a cultural exhibit. This year, the festival will feature Tyskie beer, a real treat on a hot summer day.

This month's newsletter edition also has information about next month's PHC Picnic. Please save the date! We moved this fun and informal get-together for club members from June to the end of July in the hopes of mitigating conflicts with June weddings and graduation parties. Please come, and tell us if you like the change.

Also coming up in June is our club's strategic planning session. I wrote about this meeting in last month's newsletter issue, but want to extend a warm invitation to any club member who would like to attend and help us plan the club's future. We will meet on June 16 from 6 - 8:00 pm. If you can't come to the meeting, you can still participate by telling me, or any board member, of your expectations for the club.

You can call me at (608) 215-4747 or send an email to [mas@2154747.com](mailto:mas@2154747.com). Thank you in advance for helping our club stay strong.  
*Do zobaczenia,*  
Mary Schumacher

**Volunteer Helpers Are Needed for:**

- PHC display at RSVP School Folk Fairs +
  - sew new Polish aprons & table skirts
- Please call Marie Revolinski 222-2857 or email [marierev@charter.net](mailto:marierev@charter.net)

For many years Marie Revolinski & others have generously shared their knowledge & love of Polish culture with area children. "Each school has from 350-550 students, plus the teachers, principals & staff. It's a fun day" says Marie. RSVP School Folk Fairs truly carry out PHC's mission. They are coordinated by Diane Szymanski. This spring in support of its work, RSVP of Dane County was awarded \$2,500 by the Evjue Foundation, the charitable arm of The Capital Times. Other groups our Club has worked with also received funding: UW Piano Community Outreach, UW Cinematheque and WI Book Festival.

**Coming Events...hope to see you!**

Please call 238-9189 if you need a ride.  
**9am First Fri of the month JULY 2ND**  
**PHCWI Breakfast Friends You are invited to join around the breakfast table at the Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd. till ? See you!**  
**Barbara & Michael Lomperski 238-9189**  
**June 16** PHC Board of Director's Meeting - strategic planning session  
**July 25** PHC Summer Picnic at Elver Park  
**Aug.16** Book Group *Thaddeus Kosciuszko*

**May 19 Board of Director's Meeting:**

- learned about 501(c)(3) application
- thanked the Dunns for PHCWI's booth at the well-attended Portage Co. Festival 5/8
- planned upcoming events

**Wed. June 16<sup>th</sup>** is a discussion about planning the club's future. The meeting is at the WI Community Bank 8240 Mineral Pt. Rd (W.of the Beltline) at 6pm. The bank doors lock then, so call a board member if you plan to attend, we'll give a cell # to call.

**\*SEE INSERT IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE CLUB'S 2009 REPORT\***

## 2010 Polish Related Events Madison and area:

- Alt. Thursdays 7-9pm Polski Stół / Polish Table UW-Rathskeller Sebastian Jankowski [sjankowski2@wisc.edu](mailto:sjankowski2@wisc.edu)
- June 16 Wed 6pm PHCWI Board of Directors Meeting WI Community Bank 8240 Mineral Point Rd**
- July 2 Fri 9am PHCWI Breakfast Friends Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd. tel. (608) 238-9189**
- July 25 Sun 11-3pm PHCWI Summer Picnic at Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd. Madison**
- Aug 16 Mon 7pm Book Group *Thaddeus Kosciuszko* at Kasia's 3209 Highland Middleton tel.836-8632**
- Aug 14 Sat Eagle Old World Wisconsin "Flavor of WI: Central Europe" Sample 19th-century immigrant cooking
- Sep 10-12 WI Dells 24<sup>th</sup> Polish Fest - Mt Olympus Resort.
- Sep 17-8 F-Sa Stevens Point Harvest Festival *Dozynki*
- Oct 13-Nov 17 Wed 6-8pm MATC class "Survey of Polish Film" Class #44691 [matcmadison.edu/](http://matcmadison.edu/) tel. (608) 246-6210
- Nov 6 Sat PHCWI Christmas Bazaar at the West Side Club 3706 Junction RD Cty Hwy M**
- Nov 6 Sat Daniel del Pino chamber recital featuring Chopin at Farley's House of Pianos 6522 Seybold Rd
- Dec 11 Sat PHCWI Wigilia – reservations needed**

**Pulaski Polka Days** July 22-25 "Commemorating Pulaski's 100th Birthday" 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Event in NE Wisconsin

### Chicago:

- Sept 3-6 F-M Taste of Polonia Labor Day Weekend - music on 5 stages, Mass, arts & crafts
- Sept 27 Mon 7pm Chopin's Bicentennial – "A Polish Jazz Celebration" Symphony Center 220 S. Michigan Ave.
- Nov 27-28 Mazowsze: 60th Anniversary Tour - Symphony Center
- Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel.(773) 384-3352:
- S19-Oct1 Art Deco Tour of Poland tel.(773) 384-3352 ext. 102 [Jan-Lorys@PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org](mailto:Jan-Lorys@PolishMuseumOfAmerica.org)

### Milwaukee:

- June 18-20 Polish Fest - Cultural Village: multimedia presentation on Chopin and an exhibit on Ignacy Paderewski
- Oct 10 Sun 12-4pm POLANKI'S Soup Festival at Norway House - 7507 W.Oklahoma Ave.
- Nov 19-21 Holiday Folk Fair at WI State Fair Park
- Nov 19-Jan 16 Milwaukee Rep - Wayland Pickard's *Liberace: The Man, The Music & The Memories*  
At the Polish Center of WI 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI 53132 Tel: 414-529-2140:
- July 16 Fri 7-10pm Polish Beer Tasting
- Aug 13 Fri 8-midnite Polka Dance Party - John Góra & Górale

### Minnesota:

- Aug14-15 Twin Cities Polish Festival on the Mississippi Riverbank

From the Polish-American Journal + [www.polishsite](http://www.polishsite) - A website about Polish Culture

### June *czeswiec* from *czerw* "grab" - the larvae of a bee or moth, "czzerwienic" - to redden or ripen

- 1 1434 Death of Polish King **Wladyslaw Jagiello**, founder of the Jagiellonian dynasty
- 4 1989 First free Polish elections in nearly 50 years, ending Communist Party rule
- 5 1674 **Jan III Sobieski** elected King of Poland
- 6 1818 Death of **General Jan Henryk Dabrowski**, organizer of the Polish Legion in Italy
- 7 1982 President Reagan and **Pope John Paul II** meet in the Vatican
- 13 1982 Polish labor union **Solidarity** strikes in Wroclaw, Nowa Huta, and Gdansk
- 14 1933 Birth of **Jerzy Kosinski**, winner of the 1969 National Book award for *Steps*
- 24 1838 Birth of Polish painter **Jan Matejko** – *Battle of Grunwald, Polonia* (Jan 1863 Uprising)
- 29 1941 NYC Death of pianist, composer, statesman **Ignacy Jan Paderewski**  
1956 Riots against Stalinist rule take place in **Poznan**
- 30 1911 Birth of **Czeslaw Milosz**, poet, essayist & recipient of the 1980 Nobel Prize



### July *lipiec* from *lipa* – linden tree which flowers in July

- 1 1569 **Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth** founded
- 1926 Opening of the **Ben Franklin Bridge** (then known as Delaware River Bridge) built by **Ralph Modjeski**.
- 4 1934 Death of **Madame Sklodowska Curie**, 66, Nobel Prize winner chemist discovered radium and polonium
- 14 1904 Birth of writer **Isaac Bashevis Singer** in Radzymin, Poland
- 15 1410 Polish victory over the Teutonic Knights at **Grunwald** – 600<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations
- 17 1996 **Renata Mauer** of Poland won first gold medal of the Olympic Games, for shooting
- 30 1619 First strike in America's history staged by **Poles in Jamestown**, Virginia settlement

## CLUB EVENTS & MEMBER NEWS



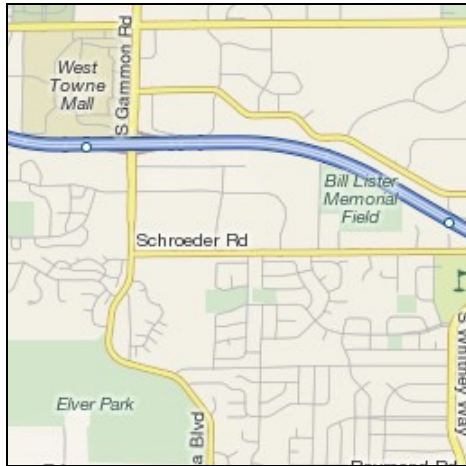
### ANNUAL PICNIC FOR PHCWI MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

Date: Sun July 25, 2010 Time: 11 AM – 3 PM

Location: Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd.

From Madison's WEST BELTLINE:

EXIT 255 to S. GAMMON RD. which becomes MCKENNA BLVD. ~ 1 mile to Elver Park on RIGHT



**10 am** Setup starts – volunteers welcome & needed!

**11 am** Start activities: music, continue setup, grilling

**12 pm** Potluck lunch-please bring a dish to pass according to your last name:

A-F Potato salads, baked beans, cooked veg

G-L Cold salads, raw veg, fruits, dips

M-R Desserts

S-Z Casseroles, hot dishes

\*Extra casseroles and hot dishes appreciated'

**After lunch** Music, raffle drawings, games

Elver Park has children's playground & tennis courts.

**3 pm** End of picnic and clean up

Polish sausages and buns plus dishes, cups and eating utensils will be provided by PHC. Beer and soda will be available for a donation.

\*We appreciate help with the setup, serving & cleanup, so please let us know how you can help or show up early. For more information about the picnic, please contact John "Skip" Benninghouse (608) 442-5222

We hope to see you all, including children and grandchildren!



### SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries. Let us know your reasons to celebrate by calling Basia Pulz (608) 767-2921 or Jane Dunn 831-8827 *Sto lat!*

*6/11 Special 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary wishes to John and Darlene Gaska!*

6/14 Gerald Dunn 7/9 Emma Czarapata

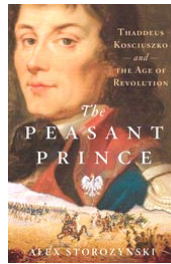
6/21 Mary Schumacher 7/18 Basia Pulz

7/4 Veronica Guski 7/23 Ed Pulz

7/4 Pearl Urbanowicz 7/27 John Benninghouse

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS** Thanks to John "Skip" Benninghouse for working on the **new website host and new email address:** [info@phcwi-madison.org](mailto:info@phcwi-madison.org)

### **PHC Book Group Aug. 16 Mon at 7pm**

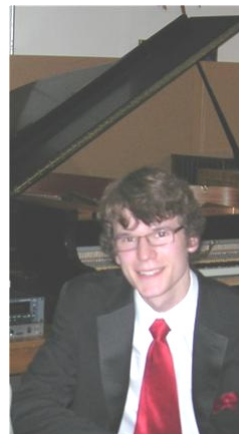


You are welcome to the discussion about *The Peasant Prince Thaddeus*

*Kosciuszko*. The book's author Alex

Storozyński was awarded the 2010 Frances Tavern Museum Book Award, presented each year to the author of the best, newly published work on the American Revolutionary period. Our gracious

hostess is **Kasia Krzyczostaniak** 3209 Highland Middleton tel.836-8632. Madison Public Library has 6 copies.



### **May 21<sup>st</sup> Sebastian Skarbek,**

son of **Krzysztof and Marlena Skarbek**, gave a free concert, followed by a reception, at Farley's House of Pianos. He has studied piano for nine years, the first eight years with Vlada Henderson, and most recently with April Kang.

A senior at Middleton High School, Sebastian will next study pre-med at UW-Madison. Thank you for the concert, and best wishes Sebastian!

The program included:

- Beethoven's *Sonata No. 21 Op. 53, "Waldstein"*,
- Rachmaninoff's *Prelude No.5 Op.23*,
- Chopin's *Etude No. 12 Op.10 Etiuda Rewolucyjna*, "Revolutionary", which was the last piece played on free Polish radio in Warsaw at the start of World War II. According to tradition, Chopin composed it in 1831 when he heard about the collapse of the November Uprising, and the Russian occupation of Warsaw.



# Polish Fest - June 18-20 Henry W. Maier Festival Park

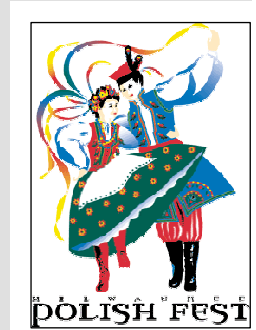
America's Largest Polish Festival is held on Milwaukee's lakefront Summerfest Grounds 200 North Harbor Drive

**Hours:** Friday & Saturday Noon-Midnight, Sunday Noon-10:00 pm

**Ticket Prices :** Advance Tickets: \$10, Gate Tickets: \$12, 55+ Gate Tickets: \$10,  
Children 15 & Under: FREE with an Adult Group Tickets (10 or more): \$9

**Wheelchairs & Strollers:** Wheelchairs and strollers are available on the grounds.  
There is **NO CHARGE** for the rental of wheelchairs and strollers, donations appreciated.

**Enjoy "50¢ Friday" at Polish Fest 2010!** Noon until 5 pm  
**Enjoy \$5.00 ADMISSION on Friday** 5 pm until Midnight



## 2010 Special Discounts & Free Admission Opportunities :

ALL WEEKEND FREE ADMISSION to US Military Personnel wearing your military uniform + an **active** military I.D.  
FRI 5pm Registration 6:30pm Easter Seals **Walk With Me Milwaukee 2010** along Lake Michigan 7:30 party  
SAT FREE ADMISSION 8pm to midnight with 3 or more items donation to the Hunger Task Force  
SUN **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** FREE ADMISSION to Dads of all age 4-6pm accompanied by their child  
SUN Enjoy \$4.00 ADMISSION after attending the 10:15 am Mass: 9:30 gates open, 10am music prelude,  
**Mass in Polish & English** with Most Rev. JEROME E. LISTECKI ARCHBISHOP OF MILWAUKEE  
SUN 12:30 **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition** CHOPIN 2010 - CELEBRATING 200 YEARS  
SUN 12:30 **Little Miss Polish Fest Pageant**

## Cultural Village:

**A Tribute to Fryderyk Chopin and Ignacy Paderewski** - a multimedia presentation on Chopin and an exhibit on Paderewski, courtesy of the Polish Music Center at the University of Southern California.  
FOLK ARTS: *wycinanki* (Polish papercuts), *pisanki* (decorated eggs), *wianki* (floral head wreaths) and other traditional  
GENEALOGY: Family history experts show you how to trace your Polish Roots.  
ART IN THE MARKET: Local Polish artists display watercolors, oil paintings, and other works in our recreated market square representing Kazimierz Dolny, a picturesque artists' colony on the banks of the Vistula River.

**Cooking Demonstrations:** Local Polish cooks will illustrate the techniques of pierogi making, naleśniki, bigos and other traditional dishes. Demonstrations start at **1 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.** *Smacznego!*

**Vodka & Spirits Tasting** ~ \$12.00 Enjoy and sample several Polish vodkas, mead, and liqueuer.

**Friday 8pm - Saturday 2pm, 5pm & 8pm - Sunday 2pm & 5pm**

**Food:** Krakus Polish Ham, Klement's Polish Sausage, Pierogi (Meat, Cheese & Potato), Placki Ziemniaczane (Potato Pancakes), Bigos (Hunter's Stew), Zupa Grzybowa (Mushroom Soup), Czarnina (Duck Blood Soup), Pączki (Raspberry & Prune), Chruściki (Deep-Fried Pastry), Zapiekanki (Open-Faced Pizza Bread Snadwiches), TYSKIE POLISH BEER

**Sukiennice Marketplace Over 40+ Vendors:** Polish Fest Souvenirs, Bosławiec - Polish Pottery, Glass-Blown Ornaments, Polish Crystal, Bursztyn - Amber Jewelry, Wooden Boxes, Pisanki - Easter Eggs, Wycinanki - Paper Cutouts, Polish Cookbooks, Polish Dictionaries, Apparel Items, Polish Dolls, Wooden Plates, Audio Tapes, CD's & DVD'S, Silver Jewelry, Genealogy Research, Flags & Bumper Stickers

**Entertainment:** Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble (Milwaukee), Wawel Polish Dancers (MI), Kraków Polish Dancers (Milwaukee), Wesoly Lud Polish Dancers (Chicago), Stas Venglevski - Accordionist, Pianist Fran Wasielewski, PFDA Polish Folk Dance Gala, Góranie - Gypsy & Balkan music, Polanie & Wislanie Polish Dancers, Polka Lessons (WI Polka Boosters), Lajkonik Polish Dancers, Kalejdoskop Children's Polish Folk Dance Company (IL), Polanie Band, Megitza Quartet, 18-Time Grammy Winner Jimmy Sturr & His Orchestra (Sat & Sun), Polka Country Musicians (CT) - Fri & Sat, The Polka Family Band (PA) - Sat & Sun, John Góra & Górale (Canada) - Sat & Sun, The Music Connection (WI) - Sat, Norm Dombrowski & the Happy Notes (WI) - Sat, Squeezebox (OH) - Fri & Sat, Jimmy K & Ethnic Jazz (OH) - Fri, The New Polish Sounds (WI) - Fri, The Knewz (NY), Goranie (IL) - Sat, Marszalek Chicago Band (IL) - Fri, Radio Disney, More Bands to be Announced.

## EVENTS

Almost 3 hours NE of Madison.....

### **Pulaski Polka Days 2010 – 32nd Annual Event - July 22-25, 2010**



**Pulaski Polka Days held rain or shine.  
"Commemorating Pulaski's 100th Birthday"**

**"CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN POLKA"  
SPECIAL MUSIC, DANCING other ENTERTAINMENT  
PERFORMANCES BY YOUNG PEOPLE!**

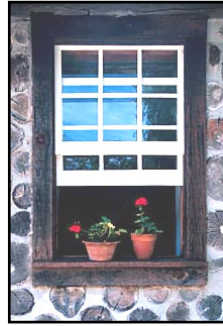
**Arts & Crafts Fair  
Firemen's Water Fight.  
Polka Worship Services  
Porkie And Pancake Breakfast  
Parade  
Fireworks  
Dance Contest  
Queen Contest  
Pulaski Polka Days Raffle.  
Polka Trot 5K  
Classic Car & Antique Tractor Show  
Chad Przybylski & the Polka Rhythms  
Sobieski Vodka-Premier Beverage Sponsor**

### **Aug 14 5:30-8pm Flavor of WI at Old World WI**

*Eagle, WI* - "Explore the flavors of Wisconsin's past at our newest after-hours event. Sample 19th century immigrant cooking with a Central European flair while listening to some live music. Learn the secrets of preparation, the history of how the foods developed, and take home recipes galore. Ages 21+ and reservations are required." [www.oldworldwisconsin.org](http://www.oldworldwisconsin.org) The video shows delicious food, and says "stroll thru the Polish and German farmsteads while listening to live music celebrating the music heritage of these two countries."

Our Polish Club worked on the display of Polish culture at Old World, and in the 1996 participated in Polish Heritage Day. Have you visited the **Kruza House**?

*From the WI Historical Society:* "Built by a Polish farmer for his aging in-laws, the Kruza House stood within shouting distance of the larger farmhouse Barbara and August Kruza had shared with their daughter's family. The house provided the elderly couple with privacy and



a sense of independence, but with the security of having family nearby. Built circa 1884 in Hofa Park (Shawano Co.) the house is restored to its 1900 appearance. It embodies two distinctive European stylistic influences: its walls are built of stove wood-length logs embedded in mortar; animals and the family were sheltered in separate rooms."

*The unique stove wood construction of the Kruza House can be seen surrounding one of its windows.*

## PAST EVENTS

Hello to club members from **James Conroyd Martin**. June 3<sup>rd</sup> *Poynette, WI Public Library* he spoke about his novels *Push Not the River* and *Against a Crimson Sky*, and progress with the final part of the trilogy. They are based on the diary of a countess who lived through the Third of May Constitution years. See his interview in the June *Polish Amer. Journal*. <http://www.JamesCMartin.com>

June 4-5 in *Milwaukee* he joined author **Douglas Jacobson** "Night of Flames" who chaired a panel "American Writers Writing about Poland." It was part of the **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences of America, Inc.** Topics included:

"Pilsudski: A 75 Year Retrospective,"  
Art and Photography Collections, Milwaukee,  
Polish-Jewish relations, Nanotechnology,  
"Paper Conservation in the Age of Digitalization,"  
Chicago's Polish Museum, and  
"Early Poles in Central Wisconsin."

The conference was presented in cooperation with the UW-Milwaukee's Polish Studies Committee. UW-Madison's **Professor Waclaw Szybalski** was scheduled to give comments about Polish Mathematician Stefan Banach b.1892 Kraków –d.1945 Lwów. Friday's reception at the UW-Milwaukee featured the Library's Polish and Polish American Collections. Saturday's Banquet speaker was author Allen Paul, speaking about Katyn. <http://www.piasa.org/absfinalprogr.pdf>

**THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES OF AMERICA** *Polski Instytut Naukowy w Ameryce* is a non-profit 501(c) (3) educational/academic organization dedicated to advancing knowledge about Poland's history and culture in the U.S. It is also a research center & a disseminator of knowledge about the Polish-American ethnic group and its role in the U.S. UW-Milwaukee's Donald E. Pienkos, Professor of Political Science, is a member of the Board. Neal Pease, Professor of History, is on the Advisory Council. Since 1956 PIASA has published the scholarly quarterly journal, *The Polish Review*. 208 East 30th Street, New York, NY <http://www.piasa.org/>

## KATYN

Dear friends,  
On behalf of the Madison Vilnius Sister Cities board of directors and all our members, I wanted to express our sincere condolences. You lost so many great Polish citizens and leaders; it is a tragedy that really resonates with us. We have you and your country in our thoughts.  
Sincerely,  
Milda Aksamitauskas – President [www.madisonvilnius.org](http://www.madisonvilnius.org)

### Na. Katyn Memorial Foundation in Baltimore

In April Basia Pulz visited her father, and the Memorial.



WHEN DUTY CALLED - THEY ANSWERED.

WHEN THEY REFUSED TO EMBRACE  
STALIN, THEY DIED.

NOW WE COMMEND THEM TO THE AGES,  
TO BE INCLUDED AMONGST HISTORY'S  
MARTYRS.

### May 5th International Conference & Photo Display 70 Years after The Katyn Massacre

Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. – This Kosciuszko Foundation organized event provided a forum for political leaders, scholars, authors and human rights advocates to discuss new details on the massacre, and finding reconciliation between Poland and Russia. On display were rare Katyn photographs & documents. Speakers: Alex Storozynski, Pres/Ex Dir of the Kosciuszko Found. Senator Barbara Mikulski, US Senator - Maryland Ambassador Robert Kupiecki, Republic of Poland Sen. Benjamin Cardin, Chair, U.S. Helsinki Commission Prof. Natalia Lebedeva, *Katyn: A Crime Without Punishment* Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, former Na. Security Advisor [http://www.thekf.org/kf/events/news/the\\_70th\\_anniversary\\_observance/](http://www.thekf.org/kf/events/news/the_70th_anniversary_observance/)

### KATYN Stalin's Massacre and the Triumph of Truth by Allen Paul

From the author's website:

Former AP reporter/political speechwriter Allen Paul was in Poland working on this book when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989. The book contains previously unpublished documentation of U.S. cover-up, translations of documents found in Russian archives, and tells how three Polish families survived. On June 5<sup>th</sup> he was banquet speaker in Milwaukee at the PIASA conference.

Katyn Forest Massacre Books <http://katyn.org.au/books.html>

## CHOPIN 2010 200 YEARS

[chopin2010.pl/en](http://chopin2010.pl/en)



### The Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society:

June 11 & 13 *THE END OF THE AFFAIR*

Frank Almond, Milwaukee Symphony concertmaster, plays the famous Lipinski violin.

June 12 & 13 *DANGEROUS LIAISONS* includes

Chopin's *Introduction and Polonaise brillante for cello and piano, op. 3*

June 25 & 27 *A TALE OF TWO CITIES* includes

Chopin's *Cello Sonata in G minor, op. 65* and

Moszkowski's *Suite for two violins and piano, op. 71*

Ignacy Paderewski said, "After Chopin, Moszkowski best understands how to write for the piano." The composer, pianist and teacher was born 1854 in Wrocław.

\* Programs are subject to change without notice

### Chopin's Bicentennial A Polish Jazz Celebration

Sept 27 Chicago Symphony Center 220 S. Michigan

Janusz Prusinowski Trio: Mazovian folk music

Agnieszka Wilczynska: Chopin song

Kwadrofonik: Prelude in E Minor, funeral march

Andrzej Jagodzinski Trio: Sonata in B Minor

Chopin Darlings: Prelude 20

Slawek Jaskulke Trio: Nocturne in B Minor nr 1 op. 9

Agnieszka Wilczynska: Two Chopin songs

Krzysztof Debski: Polonaise / Prelude 17

Marek Zakrzewski, Master of Ceremonies

\*Tickets went on sale June 1<sup>st</sup>. Tel.(312) 294-3000

<http://cso.org/TicketsAndEvents/EventDetails.aspx?eid=>

### Chopin Anniversary Tour to Poland

Oct 14-24 Kosciuszko Foundation's tour featuring the

XVI International Chopin Piano Competition.

[www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org) tel.(212) 734-2130.

### Daniel del Pino Chopin Chamber Recital

Nov 7 Madison Farley's Pianos 6522 Seybold Rd

### Chopin & Paderewski Conference

Nov 11-13 Chicago

### Oct 13-Nov 17 Survey of Polish Film

Class #44691 Wed 6pm-8pm MATC-Downtown  
Instructor- Ewa Verhoven, Seats Available: 20

"This course explores the century-long history of Polish film. The class will emphasize characteristic features & elements recognized locally and internationally.

- "Polish School" in the 1950s and 1960s,
- "Cinema of Moral Concern" of late '70s & early 80s,
- Newer developments in the 1990s. The course will focus on films by established directors such as: Wajda, Polanski, Konwicki, Kutz, Kieslowski and Holland.

To enroll: [matcmadison.edu/](http://matcmadison.edu/) tel. (608) 246-6210

<http://programs.matcmadison.edu/programs/enrichment/survey-of-polish-film>



## IN THE NEWS

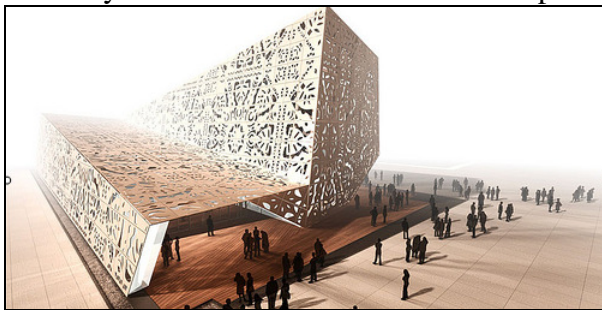
Wroclaw N/D 2009 Na Geographic Traveler's "Stays under \$150" **The Meczarnia Hostel** is 'worth the search.' [http://www.mleczarniahostel.pl/index\\_en.php](http://www.mleczarniahostel.pl/index_en.php)

4/10 San Francisco **Malgorzata Gorska**, 37, who worked to stop the Via Baltica from cutting through NE Poland's Rospuda River Valley Augustow Primeval Forest Natura 2000 site, won one of the six "green Nobel" Goldman Environmental Prizes. The highway linking Warsaw to Helsinki was rerouted to avoid protected birds, orchids and sensitive areas in "one of Europe's last true wilderness areas." She is now working to stop the construction of an airport in Tykocin.

May 22 Washington, D.C. **The Pope John Paul II Cultural Center** held a screening of "Nine Days that Changed the World," a documentary about Pope John Paul II's 1979 visit to Poland, and the historic impact.

May 22 Shanghai **Expo 2010 Poland's Day**

- "Inspire the Future" puzzle games for children featured the 8 and 12 yr. old winners of an arts contest organized by Szczecin, Poland's *Floating Garden 2050 Project*.
- At noon 6 large balloons in the Polish Dragons Parade told about The Dragons of Krakow.
- Polska Orkiestra Sinfonia Iuventus performed the world premier of "Let's Dance Chopin" inspired by his "Sonata in B minor."
- "Slask" The Polish Song and Dance Ensemble preformed "This is Poland" and the "Rozrywka" Theatre performed a variety of dance styles.
- Polish classical music and folk songs were played on traditional Chinese instruments.
- The day concluded with "Rock Jazz Chopin."



The Poland Pavilion looks like a folded paper box, the perforated exterior is covered with flowery cut-outs. Sunlight enters the hall, and the color changes in the evening. A Chopin piano concert is held daily, and visitors and taste Polish foods.

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May 28 **Flood waters** started to recede after covering 14 of Poland's 16 provinces. Dikes and embankments burst along the overflowing Vistula, Odra, Warta and other rivers, forcing the evacuation of thousands, and the death of 17. Jaroslaw Kaczynski, in his first public appearance since the death of his brother, said "We Poles have the ability to stand together in very hard situations." Prime Minister Donald Tusk pledged that no one would be left without assistance. To be eligible for assistance from the EU Solidarity Fund, the damage must exceed €2 billion  
News items from various sources:

- Swiniary, 50 mi. NW of Warsaw, a 165' hole in a dike
- Sandomierz in S. Poland blew up embankments to relieve conditions, water was 5-6 meters deep
- Wroclaw's Kozanow neighborhood, SW Poland, flooded after a dike broke on the Sleza River

June 6<sup>th</sup> 3,000 people were evacuated from 8 villages, thousands worked to restore crumbling dikes.

**100% tax deductible flood donations can be sent to:**  
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Poland's 3 largest rivers flow north into the Baltic Sea:  
• VISTULA from the Carpathian's Beskidy Mts.thru Krakow and Warsaw in an S-curve 1,047 km (678 mi.)  
• ODRA from the E. Czech Republic flows NW thru S. Central Poland 912 km (567 miles).  
• WARTA flows out of Upper Silesia near Zawiercie, thru Łódź 808 km, empties into the Oder River.  
In 1997 floods killed 54 people, caused billions of \$\$ in damage and forced the evacuation of over 150,000.

June 1 In the just released 41 page cockpit transcript of **the April 10<sup>th</sup> plane crash**, Captain Arkadiusz Protasiuk is heard saying "Maybe there won't be a tragedy." Then the Tupolev Tu-154's left wing snagged on a birch tree, 96 Polish officials lost their lives in the Katyn Forest.

June 6, *Pilsudski Square* **Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko's** declaration of beatification by Pope Benedict was read to a crowd of 140,000. After Mass, a 3 hour procession carried his relics to the new Church of God's Providence in southern Warsaw. He is buried in St.Stanislas Church where his "Masses for the Homeland" during martial law drew crowds, and led to his killing in 1984. The film, "*Popieluszko: Freedom Is Within Us*," was released last year in Poland. The Polish-language film, with English subtitles, is not yet available on DVD.

June 20 is **Poland's Election Day** for the 5 year term now held by acting president Bronislaw Komorowski. Ten candidates collected the required 100,000 signatures so are eligible to run for president.

## Statue Needs Help

May 1<sup>st</sup> MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL John Gurda wrote:

“Of all the bronze giants in our ethnic pantheon, the most endangered represents Gen. Tadeusz Kosciuszko. A dominating presence in the south side park that bears his name, the general is showing definite signs of age. His horse's front legs are visibly deteriorating, and there is concern that they will one day buckle, sending mount and rider crashing to the ground at 9th and Lincoln.” Most Milwaukeeans pronounce his name "Kozzy-ESS-ko," or "Kozzy" for short. “If you want to impress your Polish friends, try "Kosh-CHOO-shko." In 1900 a committee sold shares for a quarter a piece to hire an Italian sculptor for the 7 ton monument. Nearly 60,000 people gathered around the statue for 1905 dedication. The new Restore the Kosciuszko Monument Committee, is trying the raise the \$350,000 for the statue's future. *“Kosciuszko is a figure of continuing relevance today. Although he was a hero to the neighborhood's first ethnic group, the general had much in common with Latino liberators such as Simon Bolivar and Miguel Hidalgo, and he would certainly have supported the area's current residents in their struggle for equality.”* <http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/92557744.html>

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