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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Soon it is time to think about the winter celebratory season. Do take advantage of our Bazaar where you can purchase gifts, and you can volunteer your time to spread the essence of Polish traditions. Also the Inventory Committee could use additional hands to keep track of items. Please contact me for details.

Another month will pass quickly and then is the Wigilia. It is very important holiday in Poland, and we hope that everyone at ours will feel welcomed and among friends. I am honored to MC at that event, and hope that the warmth of the Wigilia customs will reach your heart.

The Board has completed long overdue policies that will help clarify the day to day operations of each committee. There is always opportunity to volunteer at Club's event or a committee. Reach out to make the club stronger with your engagement! I'm looking forward to meeting you at Bazaar and Wigilia.

Z poważaniem,
Ryszard Zolnik, President

Enclosed is the Wigilia Reservation.



Reservations due Nov. 21
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR
38th Annual Wigilia
Saturday Dec. 3rd
Goodman Community Center
149 Waubesa St.

(btw. Milwaukee St. - Atwood Ave.)

We look forward to a special evening!

5 pm Social Hour with cash bar;

6 pm: Sharing of Oplatek.

*1st COURSE: Barszcz; * DINNER:

ADULT - Baked Cod OR Meat Cabbage Rolls

CHILDREN - Chicken Tenders/ Fries. (Under 6 FREE)

Gr. Beans, Pierogi, Cr. Herring, Rye Bread,

Deviled Eggs, Cucumber Salad; *DESSERT*

Turon and Star, Wigilia stories, Polish Choir.

For ?s contact: phcwisconsin@gmail.com

or text/call Laurie Ross (608) 334-3324

Share this special tradition with your family and friends. Those under 6 eat free. Working Class Catering is providing our sit down meal. One student recently completed a Polish cooking class, and coordinator David Fischer is excited about our evening. Invite family and friends!

Please invite your family and friends!

10th Annual
Polish Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 5, 9 am – 3 pm

St. Thomas Aquinas (new location)

602 Everglade Dr., Madison, WI

(intersects Old Sauk Rd., .2 miles east of Gammon Rd.)



POLISH LUNCH:

Hunter's Stew

Pierogi

Kielbasa

FEATURING:

Amber Jewelry

Bakery

Bolesławiec Pottery

Books & P.Stamps Bookmarks

Business Card Exchange

Demos of Polish Crafts

History & Genealogy

Holiday Ornaments

Live Music

Polish Imports

Oplatek wafers for Wigilia

Silent Auction

Enclosed Order Form due Oct. 28

For info: phcwisconsin@gmail.com

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Madison Polish Film Festival

Nov 20 KAMPER 1 pm, KARBALA 3 pm

Dec 3 BLINDNESS 1 pm, PLANET SINGLE 3

UW-Madison Union South - Marquee Theater

Madison area:

1st Fri POLISH BREAKFASTS Barb (608) 238-9189

9 am Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd, Monona

1st Sun 3 pm Eucharist in Polish St Cecilia's, (608) 254-8381

603 Oak Street, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Polish Kids Club www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison

UW-Madison Polish Students win.wisc.edu/organization/PSA

28 Oct Bazaar Pierogi Order Forms due

5 Nov POLISH CLUB BAZAAR **NEW LOCATION** 9 am - 3 pm

6 Nov 6 pm THE INNOCENTS, UW-Madison The Marquee

Szymon Wozniczka on WORT Radio 89.9 FM:

7 Nov 10:15-12 noon on "Global Revolutions"

13 Nov 3-5 pm on "On the Horizon"

11 Nov 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB Middleton (608) 836-8632

"Polish Independence Day, Polish Family Traditions"

21 Nov Wigilia Reservation Form and payment due

3 Dec 5 pm POLISH CLUB WIGILIA - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Madison Polish Film Festival, UW-Madison Marquee Theater:

20 Nov KAMPER 1 pm, KARBALA 3 pm

4 Dec BLINDNESS 1 pm, PLANET SINGLE 3 pm

**Chicago:**

5-20 Nov 28th Polish Film Festival in America

www.pffamerica.com (773) 486-9612

4 Dec 3 pm Lira Singers, Dancers and Symphony: Polish

Carols, Song & Dance. Orchestra Hall, 220 S. Michigan

Milwaukee:

Polish Center of Wisconsin, Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140

5 Nov - RSVP - WARSAW CLUB 38 GALA FUNDRAISER

PAST Polish Heritage Alliance events at the Polish Center:

25 Oct movie series: "The Fourth Partition"

18 Oct "Lech Walesa: Leader of Solidarity and President of Poland" and "Restoring Milwaukee's Kosciuszko Monument"

14 Sept with the WI Division of the Polish American Congress:

Lecture by Donald Pienkos, Chair Polish Studies Committee, UW-Milwaukee "The Polish Immigration to America and Wisconsin - An Overview." "The story of the Polish immigration and settlement in the United States is both interesting and all too little known to-day. Who came to this country, how many came, why did they come here, where did they settle, what became of them..." Also a short film.

Holiday Folk Fair International

18 - 20 Nov State Fair Park

Celebrate the Culture of Water

www.folkfair.org/

ALL NATIONS THEATER, WORLD CAFÉ, INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR, MUSIC PAVILION Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, HERITAGE LANE, COFFEE HOUSE, EDUCATION DAY, 5K RUN/WALK

**HOLIDAY
FOLKFAIR
international**

Genealogy:

Dane County Area Genealogical Society www.dcags.org

PLACE: 4505 Regent St. (at Segoe Rd.) Visitors are welcome.

WI Historical Society www.wisconsinhistory.org/

3 Dec "Family History Projects" - "This workshop will provide guidance on many types of family history projects! It promises to be an exciting day of sharing ideas, making plans to get the whole family interested in your family stories!"

WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php

WEBINARS: "Those that log in first will be admitted..."

15 Nov 7 pm "Passenger List Research: Castle Garden, Ellis Island and other Ports of Entry" - "During this presentation we will learn about the history of passenger lists, where to find them and what information may be available in the records. Using real life examples we will discuss search techniques that can help you find those hidden ancestors. We will also learn about the "To America" series, which can be a great help in finding your immigrant ancestors. We will learn what those cryptic numbers mean on a passenger list and how they can lead you to naturalization documents of your ancestors."

20 Dec 7 pm "Eight Common Mistakes That Genealogists Make and How to Avoid Them" Presenter: Donald Schnitzler "This program highlights some of the common mistakes made by genealogists researching their family history as well as strategies that help overcome them. Discussion topics include basic research methodologies (alternate records selection tables), documenting and citing sources, use of research logs, and planning for the future."

At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to:

Recognize & Avoid common mistakes made in genealogical research, Strategize for the best approach to finding missing pieces of info, Discuss and Apply elements of the Genealogical Proof Standard, Acknowledge/analyze inevitable contradictions in family records, Consider possible approaches to "passing on" genealogical work.

Polish Genealogical Society of America <http://pgsa.org/>

20 Nov 2 pm "Holy Cow! Where Are My Polish Chicago Catholics Now!?" Finding your ancestor's church records. Algonquin IL Public Library (NW)

BURKHALTER TOURS to POLAND

2017 June 23 - July 2

PORTRAIT OF POLAND

TOUR # H2801

Final payment due by or before April 10

* A variety of other Burkhalter Tours include stops in Poland.*

CONTACT: Burkhalter Tours

608/833-1525; 800/556-9286

6501 Mineral Point Road Madison, WI 53705

tours@burkhaltertravel.com



(Nov 28 CHRISTMAS MARKETS POLAND, PRAGUE, GERMANY was cancelled.)

CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*



You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries. *Sto lat!*

11/5 Constance "Connie" Waldmer 11/9 Justin Goens
11/6 Anne Evans 11/21 Douglas Kurzeja
11/24 Marek Hann, Joan Dros Allen 11/25 Zach Luick

Welcome to new member: Roman Romanovych Minyaylyuk

Sept 10 WI ST JOURNAL: "Ironman Wis. a family tradition" told of Joan Rubens volunteering in each of the first 15 Ironmans and greeting three of her children at the finish line. Say hello to Joan at one of our events - Dziękuję for all you do, Joan!

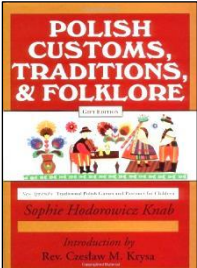
Sept 18 Thanks to the Willy St. Fair PHCWI Booth helpers!

Some of: Gloria W, Kasia V, Shelle M, Ryszard Z, Kristin M



11 Nov FRIDAY 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB

Polish Independence Day+Polish Family Traditions



Kasia & Marian Krzyzostaniak want to continue their Nov. 11 Poznań and now our Book Club tradition of eating Rogal świętomarciński on Polish Independence / St. Martin's Day. Please contact them at (608) 836-8632 so they can set up chairs at their Middleton home. We'll share our family traditions, and can use a variety of books, including our August book *Memories Of Dziadka: Rural Life In Poland*.



29 Aug. BOOK CLUB Dziękuję to Karleen & Ralph Tyksinski for hosting us at their home, and the food they provided. PLUS Jane Dunn served her mother's delicious poppy seed filled cake, and Anna Peczerski gave us tastings of her own Polish tomatoes and pickles. We learned about each other's family stories, and then about the how and whys of Polish immigration. Thanks to Ralph for his summaries of background info, and for sharing an original of the sociological classic *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America* by Thomas & Znaniecki. *Full text of the original is available our club's website.*

Walter Chmielewski Oct 12,1927 - Sept.1, 2016



Stefanie and Walter at 2015 Wigilia, Irena F Frączek photo

Sincere condolences to Walter's family. He was a regular at the First Friday Breakfasts, spoke Polish and visited with many at Spring Festival and Bazaar History displays, and always attended the Wigilia with his family. FROM OBITUARY:

"Walter S. Chmielewski, age 88, passed away on Thursday, September 1st, at Meriter Hospital. He was surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on October 12, 1927, in Saginaw, MI to Stefan and Anna (Cegielski) Chmielewski. [His only brother Jerome] was his best friend throughout life. Despite being miles apart throughout most of their lives, they wrote each other weekly and talked on the phone nightly. Walter was a very hard working, dedicated and intelligent man.

He love to learn and was extremely well read in many areas. He worked his way through under graduate (Michigan State), graduate (University of Michigan) and doctoral school (West Virginia University) earning his PhD in Mechanical Engineering. He also served in the United States Marine Corp. Over Walter's career he worked for Dow Chemical, General Electric for many years, the University of Wyoming, The Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant, as a private consultant for the Mayor of Milwaukee and most recently as a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at UW-Platteville from 1981-1996. Teaching students was his passion.

Walter married Marcia Aldrich in April 1964 & together they had one daughter. Married for almost 25 years, and divorced for 20 years, they once again became friends and Walter was extremely supportive of Marcia in the last 2 years of her life. He was a proud member of the Polish Heritage Alliance of Wisconsin and the Polish Heritage Club in Madison. Walter is survived by his daughter Stefanie (Gordon "Fritz") Statz, his two grandsons Nicholas and Matthew Statz, who were the love of his life, and many cousins in Michigan and Poland. He was preceded in death by his parents, former wife and brother. There will be no funeral service per his wishes. For those who truly know Walter, you are smiling knowing this is "typical Walter".

Memorials may be made to the Polish Heritage Club - Madison, PO Box 45438, Madison, WI 53744-5438. The family sends a special thank you to Michelle and Deb at All Saints Neighborhood as well as all his neighbors who "kept an eye on him" this past year."

Please share your memories at www.CressFuneralService.com Cress Funeral & Cremation Service - Madison, WI (608) 238-3434.

Marie Sklodowska-Curie d. Nov. 7, 1867

Essay by 2015 PHCWI-Madison Scholarship winner Weronika Zolnik. She graduated from La Follette H.S, attends UW-Madison, and is the daughter of Ryszard & Julita Zolnik.

Marie Sklodowska-Curie was a Polish born physicist and chemist whose contributions to science are priceless. Without them, our knowledge of radioactivity and specifically of radium and polonium would not be nearly as well developed. As one of the first widely acknowledged female scientists in her field and in the world, she has provided inspiration to countless young women who longed to be able to embrace their love for science, myself being one of them.

Marie Curie was born on November 7th in 1867 in Warsaw Poland, which was controlled by the Russian Empire at the time. Both of her parents were teachers, which helped fuel her thirst for knowledge. She took very much after her father, a math and physics professor and was always very lively and curious, even at a young age. She was only 11 years old when she lost her mother to tuberculosis. Even this tragedy at such a young age did nothing to curb her appetite for knowledge.

She was barred from attending the men's only University of Warsaw, but she didn't let it slow her down or stop her. She instead continued her education in Warsaw's underground "floating university," - a set of informal classes held in secret. Both Curie and her sister longed to receive official degrees, but didn't have the financial resources to do so. Undeterred, they worked hard and supported each other until Curie earned her master's degree in physics in 1893, and another degree in mathematics the very next year.

Soon afterwards, she was commissioned to do a study on different types of steel and their magnetic properties. This commission is what led her to meet her future husband, Pierre Curie. Both of the Curies were very dedicated, and originally worked on separate projects, but soon began working together. Even after having their daughter in 1897, their work didn't slow down. The pair discovered a new radioactive element in 1898 and named it polonium, after Marie's birth country. They soon discovered a new radioactive element and named it radium. All these rapid discoveries earned them a shared Nobel Prize in physics in 1903, and it was the first Nobel Prize to ever be awarded to a woman. They used their prize money to continue their research and soon had a booming international reputation.

Pierre was killed in 1908 after stepping in front of a horse-drawn wagon. Although the tragedy left her with two young girls to care for, she accepted his teaching position at the Sorbonne, becoming their first female professor ever. She earned yet another Nobel Prize in 1911, this time in chemistry, making her the first scientist to have ever earned two Nobel Prizes.

When World War I broke out, Marie dedicated her time to helping the cause. She championed the use of portable X-Ray machines in the field, further adding to her impressive list of achievements. After the war, she used her fame to help her further her research. She traveled to the United States twice

to help raise funds to build a radium research institute in Warsaw.

All her work with radioactive substances eventually took a toll on her health, and she died on July 4th of 1934 of aplastic anemia, which is often caused by an overexposure to radioactivity. Her innovative and persistent attitude let her make many important discoveries that significantly furthered her field. She opened her field for many female scientists, who had a hard time to make their way into their desired fields since the system was set up to benefit males and exclude women. Her work inspired and influenced all those around her, and led her eldest daughter to follow in her footsteps. She is an inspiring person who overcame every obstacle set in front of her. Such determination and passion has inspired me to strive to find the same kind of persistence in myself, so that I will be able to excel in my field the same way Marie Curie did. She showed me and many other women that nearly anything is possible if you really put your mind to it.

Without women such as Madame Curie to inspire and guide all of the women to come after her who aspire to go into the sciences, it would be even more difficult than it is now to achieve what many great Polish female scientists have done. They followed her example, letting their passion drive them to advance our knowledge of the natural world and to bring us to where we are today. Her background and culture helped push her, and she is not the only scientist who had the values that pervade Polish culture get them as far as they managed to. Polish culture encourages people to be hardworking, thrifty and unorthodox when the need arises, and it has helped the Polish people get through many tough times, and will continue to do so well into the future.

"Marie Curie." BBC News. BBC, n.d. Web. 11 Apr. 2015.

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Wikipedia WikimediaFoundation, n.d. Web. 11 Apr. 2015.

5 Nov CHICAGO: Opening Night at Polish Film Festival in America MARIE CURIE - THE COURAGE OF KNOWLEDGE

Dir: Marie Noëlle Germany, Poland [2016 95 min.]

The most turbulent five years in the life of a genius woman: between 1905, when she comes with Pierre to Stockholm to be awarded the Nobel Prize for the discovery of radioactivity and 1911, when she receives her 2nd Nobel Prize.



How Polish Culture Has Influenced Me

Polish culture has been a very prominent portion of my life since I was born. Both of my parents immigrated to the United States from Poland before I was born. They came here speaking very little English and not knowing anyone except for my father's older sister. They eventually came to Madison because of the University and have stayed here ever since. I was born and raised here, and will now be going to the University of Madison myself. The first language I spoke was Polish, and I am still fluent today. We visit family back in Poland whenever we can, and my father's mother comes and visits with us every summer for several months. Being able to have a second perspective on life through the lens of Polish culture has really shaped me and turned me into who I am today.

My parents have put an admirable amount of effort into making sure that I maintain my ability to speak Polish and to keep my connection with Polish culture. In 5th grade, I went to school in Poland for a little over a month. I also have gone to several summer camps and met some very interesting people. I also had the opportunity to travel around Poland with my family and see some very impressive Polish landmarks, historical sites and geographical wonders. Due to these many opportunities I have been given, I can look at the world through a lens that is a little bit more familiar with traditions and customs that are common in Europe. I have come across several instances where someone will be talking about customs that they just learned about that other people practice, and for me, they don't seem strange at all since I have been immersed in a similar culture since birth.

I feel very lucky and privileged to have had all of these opportunities and been exposed to so much more of the world than I would have been had my parents not had deep cultural roots. I appreciate being able to speak another language very much, and have even furthered my appreciation of languages by going on to learn Spanish to the point that I am almost fluent now. Being able to speak a third language will help me experience even more culture and diversity. I think this ability to experience more cultures and to be more understanding of people's backgrounds is an important part of our modern world, which is quickly becoming more and more connected.

I love being able to speak a language that makes people wonder how you pronounce so many consonants in a row. I love being able to make connections and comparisons others can't. I love having a chance to travel. I love how my heritage has shaped me as a person. I love being able to understand jokes in a different language. Being Polish is a big part of my identity, even if I wasn't born or raised in Poland. Without this portion of my life, I think I would be a much less interesting person and that I would have a very different set of beliefs and values. Even having a name that is often difficult for people in the U.S. to pronounce has helped shaped me as a person. Polish language and culture has influenced and shaped me in so many ways that I can't imagine how different my life would be without it.

Career Plans and Goals

I intend to major in Neurobiology during my undergraduate studies, and I then intend to go on to Medical school in order to become a neurosurgeon. I believe that this would be an ideal occupation for me, because I am fascinated by biology and the brain in particular, and I've always enjoyed the precision needed in dissections in my anatomy and biology classes. I also think it would be wonderful to be able to help people while pursuing my passion.

I find the brain particularly fascinating because it is such a complex organ, which is really responsible for making us who we are. They are what make us able to read, write, speak, think, create and do all the other things that really define us as humans.

Being able to further my understanding of how this magnificent organ works and communicates and controls the body would be both challenging and fulfilling.

Having an occupation that will not only provide a stable financial situation for myself and my family, but that will also help others who are suffering is something that I believe will really be able to make me a better, much happier person.



National Day of Listening November 25, 2016, the day after Thanksgiving

"In 2008, the National Day of Listening was created by the StoryCorps, a non-profit whose mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world. We do this to remind one another of our shared humanity, to strengthen and build the connections between people, to teach the value of listening, and to weave into the fabric of our culture the understanding that every-one's story matters. At the same time, we are creating an invaluable archive for future generations."

Great Questions: ...suggestions for getting a good conversation going. ... use the ones you like and to come up with your own. Printer friendly: <https://storycorps.org/great-questions/>

For Grandparents:

- Where did you grow up?
- What was your childhood like?
- Who were your favorite relatives?
- Do you remember any of the stories they used to tell you?
- How did you and grandma/grandpa meet?
- What was my mom/dad like growing up?
- Do you remember any songs that you used to sing to her/him? Can you sing them now?
- Was she/he well-behaved?
- What is the worst thing she/he ever did?
- What were your parents like?
- What were your grandparents like?
- How would you like to be remembered?
- Are you proud of me?

Good Neighbor Parade, Middleton

August 14, 2016 by Barbara Lomperski. Photos by Gloria & Barb



The Polish Heritage Club was represented in the parade by Gloria Welniak, Marge Morgan, Jane Dunn, John Hagen, Butch and **Dorey Luick**, the Nate and Tara Luick family with daughters, Hallie, Maddy, & Brinley. Camron, son of Zack & Angie Luick was an eager participant decked out in a,

"I'm so cute I must be Polish." Even baby **Brinlee** wore the shirt stating this phrase. We all agreed both are, and look forward ward to seeing them in next year's parade with proud grand-parents Butch and Dorey Luick.

John Hagen recently visited Poland and ordered a made to order Krakowian traditional costume from Perfekt s.c. in Krakow. This is the same company that makes all the costumes for the Syrena Folk Dance Ensemble of Milwaukee of which John is a dancer. He had made arrangements ahead of time, but he and his wife Heather had quite a time locating this shop once in Krakow. A friendly cab driver was finally flagged down - he had not heard of the road even though driving cab for 30 years. Exchanging many stories and experiences with the cab driver, John had the opportunity to practice his Polish and translate for Heather. They had such a good time, the cabbie offered to wait for them and take them back. This was an unforgettable experience for John and he is eager to return.



Nate Luick purchased The Little Red Truck, a 1979 Dodge Little Red Express, in about 2003. On a cold winter night he and his dad Butch picked up the truck in Windsor. As they drove to Madison to begin restoration, the Little Red Truck died, just like that. Jumper cables were attached and they were again homeward bound.

Nate and friends completed the restoration which included the upholstery of the seats, new wood for the box, motor and lights. Finally, it was time to select the paint. The choices being red or red - red got the vote.

Banners with the name *Polish Heritage Club* have been added to each side of the little red truck. Flags representing America and Poland are attached. Lawn chairs are set up in the truck box. And we are ready to parade down the streets of Wisconsin communities. Parade participants have added to their traditional Polish dress or some have purchased new when traveling to Poland. This has made the parades more interesting and colorful. We have fun in the parades. Members or non-members are welcome to join us, and meet new people. Contact any board member if you want to ride The Little Red Truck. **PHCWI-Madison 2016 Parades: Evansville, Black Earth, Middleton.**



Music



Szymon Wozniczka on WORT Radio Aug. 29 & Oct. 3 presented music from 35 CDs he brought back from Poland. **COMING:**
7 Nov 10:15-12 noon on "Global Revolutions"
13 Nov 3-5 pm on "On the Horizon"

To be notified of future programs + MADISON POLISH MUSICAL HAPPENINGS: Mad-Pol.KA Productions szymon2005@sbcglobal.net

PAST EVENT **14-23 Sept LAUTARI - Polish Ethno Folk Band**
Special USA tour: Cedar Rapids, Bloomington, Minneapolis, Chicago, New York. And on WORT radio Sept.19 *By Szymon Wozniczka:*

This four-piece super-group of Poland's folk scene [toured] the Midwest this September. Unfortunately, due to scheduling limitations and timing of Madison's World Music Festival I was unable to organize their concert in Madison.

LAUTARI describes themselves as an ethno-jazz chamber folk group. Based in Poznan, the ensemble adapts elements of many traditions of Central and E. Europe. They learned their repertoire from village musicians and from the works of 19th century Polish folklorist Oskar Kolberg. As a result, LAUTARI approaches Polish folk music as an essential expression of Poland's national culture and a fertile ground for improvisation & experimentation to ensure that it's a "living tradition" that they are presenting to 21st century audience. The group draws its name from wandering Romanian musicians or Gypsies of the mid-1800s.

"LAUTARI has long been dedicated to restoring the splendor of Polish folk music: from emulating original folk sounds, to accompanying dancing as our rural predecessors did, to participation in avant-garde music projects. They have performed at barn dances, in jazz clubs, and in large concert halls in Poland and abroad. Firmly believing musical notation to be a totally inadequate means of recording folk music, they have made a point of learning their repertoire directly from village musicians. During this music adventure, they have often turned to the work of the late 19th century Polish ethnographer, Oskar Kolberg – and not only to the mere tunes he collected, but also the wide cultural context of folk music that he depicts – to infuse their contemporary interpretations with the emotions & imagination of earlier times." *~Polish Cultural Institute*

Maciej Filipczuk: fiddle
Michał Zak: clarinet, flute, shawm
Jacek Hałas: piano, accordion



FROM PHCWI'S WEBSITE: **PAST EVENT** Copernicus Center, Chicago

9 Sept Stanisław Sojka: greatest hits, Shakespeare's sonnets
"....All 12 sonnets from Sojka's repertoire are available on youtube along with originals in English and masterly translations by Stanisław Barańczak and Maciej Słomczyński. Staszek Sojka (b. 1959 Żory, PL) is a jazz and pop vocalist, as well as a pianist, composer and poet. His work encompasses a variety of musical genres including also rock, rap, and reggae. But a big chunk of his career was focused on "sung poetry" with specific interest in poems written by Bolesław Leśmian, Nobel Prize winner Czesław Miłosz and John Paul II. And it was the Pope who invited Sojka to perform in Vatican his songs composed to the Pope's poem "The Rome Triptych".

26th Madison Polish Film Festival

@ The Marquee, 1308 W. Dayton

FREE EVENT! **PARKING:** Union South Garage, Lot 16, Lot 17
Organized by: The Polish Student Association UW-Madison

Nov 20



1 pm KAMPER

dir. Łukasz Grzegorzek [2016, 89']

"Thirty-something Kamper is the eternal boy who has it all: a beautiful wife he loves, a large apartment, a super car, and a dream job. When

it turns out that his wife is unfaithful, everything gets turned on its head. His perfect job as head of a video game development team no longer has meaning, and his personal life is a shambles. Kamper cannot deal with this predicament, and he certainly cannot do anything abrupt. Struggling to understand what went wrong with his life and how to fix it, Kamper realizes that he faces two choices: adjust to this new reality or start over – alone."

Polish Academy Award for Best Cinematography:



3 pm KARBALA

dir. K. Lukaszewicz [2015, 115']

"In the middle of the Gulf War, April 3, 2004. On the Day of Ashura the militias of the Shiite cleric Mukkada As-Sadr, supported by the

jihaddists, start an uprising in the Polish stabilization zone. The US command orders the Poles to hold the City Hall in Karbala, the seat of the local authorities and police, loyal to the stabilization forces. On the battlefield remain eighty Polish and Bulgarian soldiers. This leads to one of the most heroic battles the Poles have fought after World War II. Facing death, soldiers are going through four days of hell. The heroic attitude, determination and the will to fight, make Polish-Bulgarian formation not only wins the battle, but comes out of it without the loss of one soldier."

Dec. 4

1 pm BLINDNESS / Zaćma dir: Ryszard Bugajski [2016, 110']

Former high-ranking security officer in Poland's communist government seeks an audience with Primate of the Church.

3 pm PLANET SINGLE / Planeta singli dir: Okorn [2016 110']

(above film descriptions from Polish film Festival in America)

5-20 Nov CHICAGO - Polish Film Festival in America

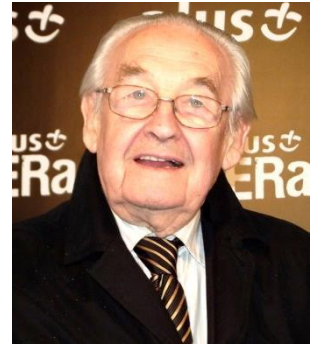


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"Two of Andrzej Wajda's films will be shown at the 28th PFFA: his last one, AFTERIMAGE (2016) and THE PROMISED LAND (1975), widely considered the best Polish movie ever made, which was recently digitally remastered. Actors visiting the festival will tell about their experiences from a work with the great Polish artist of film."

Andrzej Witold Wajda

by Rose Meinholz



Film director, producer and screenwriter Andrzej Witold Wajda died on Oct. 9 in Warsaw at age 90 from pulmonary failure. A requiem mass was celebrated at the Dominican Church in Warsaw's Old Town, and he was buried in Kraków in Salwator Cemetery, the resting place of some of his relatives.

Thousands signed books of condolence in the City Halls of Kraków, Gdańsk, Wrocław, and the Warsaw district Żoliborz where he lived for several decades.

Wajda was born in 1926 in Suwałki, NE Poland. He studied to be a painter at the Fine Arts Academy in Kraków before attending the Łódź Film School.

Four of his films were nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film: *The Promised Land*, *The Maids of Wilko*, *Man of Iron*, and *Katyń*. In 2000 he received an honorary Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences "in recognition of five decades of extraordinary film direction." His last film *Powidoki (Afterimage)* about avant-garde painter Władysław Strzemiński, is Poland's official entry for the best foreign language film at the 2017 Oscars. He was to be in Rome on Oct. 15 with the lead actors.

"Andrzej Wajda: great director had Poland written on his heart. Wajda fought communist censorship and truth-denying propaganda to produce formidable, patriotic films that illuminated Poland's troubled past – and helped steer its history" - THE GUARDIAN

"Remembering Andrzej Wajda, Unflinching Observer of Modern Poland....Mr. Wajda was a people's artist in a way unanticipated by the Communist regime that trained and ambivalently supported him. - J. HOBBERMAN, NY TIMES

"We all stem from Wajda. We looked at Poland and at ourselves through him. And we understood better. Now it will be more difficult." - DONALD TUSK, Poland's former prime minister and the current head of the European Council.

7 Oct First showings in Poland of VOLHYNIA about a young Polish woman who wants to marry a Ukrainian from the same village. "In the midst of World War II, the pair are caught up in a frenzy of ethnic cleansing. Director Wojciech Smarzowski, who is known for tackling challenging themes, has stressed that his film is about 'love in inhumane times.' It is the first feature film to deal with the Volhynia Massacres, a traumatic page in Polish-Ukrainian history."

26 Sept Gdynia Film Festival Golden Lion prize to director Jan P. Matuszynski for THE LAST FAMILY / OSTATNIA RODZINA about the unusual relationship between legendary painter Zdzisław Beksiński and his son Tomasz, a highly-praised music journalist and translator. The film also won the Best Actress/Actor.

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Polish Connection / where family lived in Poland:

1.00 USD = 3.93 Zloty **IN THE NEWS** various sources

POLAND: unemployment 8.4% in Sept. = 1.33 million people.

- "Most attractive place to invest in Cen/East Europe..."
- 2017 min. wage will be PLN 12 (EUR 2.73)/hr.
- 48% of software is unlicensed, government institutions also.
- ~60% parents >age 50 support their adult children/grandkids.
- >2 in 5 Poles >age50 have children/grand living with them.
- Average childbearing age 23 in the 1990s to 27 at present.
- In 2015 railway workers cut down 250,000 trees that were within 15 m of the tracks - vs. GER. cuts 6m, Gr.Britian 3m.
- Tallest man in Pl is 7'4" Jakub Kusmieruk.
- 5th year in a row population shrunk. The June 30 pop. was 38,422,000 - a loss of 27,000 people since June of 2015.
- Only El Greco in Poland "The Ecstasy of St. Francis" returns to Siedlce after restoration by Kraków's National Museum.
- 100,000 signatures gathered so Parliament will consider a bill to ban shopping on Sundays (with multiple exceptions).
- 36th place in Global Competitiveness Report by World Economic Forum (WEF). Market 21th higher ed./training 37th
- Deflation: prices of goods and services fell 0.5% in Sept. compared to the Sept. 2015.

31 Aug Gdańsk 36th anniversary unionists/communist August Agreement was attended by President Duda & PM Szydło.

WARSAW, Chopin Airport - Sept: record 1.3 mil. passengers.

3 Sept Na Reading Day: Henryk Sienkiewicz's 1895 classic novel *Quo Vadis* in hundreds of locations.

6-8 Sept KRYNICA-ZDRÓJ (south PL) The Economic Forum ~3,000 visitors from over 50 countries. PM Beata Szydło gave Hungarian PM Orbán the Forum's "Man of the Year" award.

8 Sept WARSAW UNIVERSITY - A Professor required stitches after hit in the head while speaking German on a tram. 10 Sept 2 Asian women were yelled at on an underground train.

SWEDEN - 19 tons of Polish Paula Red apples withdrawn from sale due to reported high levels of pesticides.

9 Sept RZESÓW (SE Poland) - Several doz. 19th-early 20th cen. Jewish books found in a dustbin will be conserved.

POZNAŃ, Rowing World University Championships - 16 yr. old Irish rower Ailish Sheehan fell/died after winning a bronze medal.

11 Sept TATRA MTS, Polish Volunteer Mountain Service - 201 rescue missions in July & Aug: 4 fatal, 92 serious injuries.

KARAGANDA, Kazakhstan - Pope Francis beatified Polish priest Władysław Bukowiński b.1904 Ukraine, d.1974 Karaganda.

KRAKÓW - March from Collegium Maius to concert at the Tempel Synagogue in memory of Jewish residents.

WARSAW, Skaryszewski Park - PM Beata Szydło laid wreath to commemorating 6 Poles who lost their lives at NYC's WTC.

18 Sept RIO, Paralympics - 90 Polish athletes won 39 medals.

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Pres.Andrzej Duda promoted Poland - American businesses partnering.

19 Sept Zlocieniec, NW Poland - Found in buried copper tube:

1934 newspaper, coins, photos of Hitler, 2 of "Mein Kampf,"

22 Sept -22 Oct BERLIN, City Hall - exhibition on the destruction of Warsaw in WWII and its post-war development.

2 Oct CITIES ACROSS POLAND ~100,000 people, mostly women, protested against a near-total ban on abortion bill.

6 Oct WARSAW, Parliament - MPs voted 352 to 58 to reject the controversial anti-abortion citizens' bill (~450,000 signatures) Catholic bishops first supported it, then said they could not support the proposals to jail women who had an abortion.