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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Spring!

We are off to a good year. The International Festival went well. It is so positive that the community can celebrate diversity and that our Polish Club is part of this movement.

The Spring Festival is our club's special opportunity to remember our shared Polish cultural and spiritual activities of the Easter season. This is a great way for several generations of a family to enjoy some time together. This event has grown over the past years so please try to attend or lend a hand

Greetings to all and please have a happy Easter Season.
Marge Morgan

Did you renew in 2017 Update your info? Would you like your newsletter emailed?

It's in color, and emailing saves on stamps and printing costs. If you want to change to email, CONTACT: Rose M, ed.meinhoch@hotmail.com (608) 233-3828 (Dues due if label not say 2017.)

Pick up your Members Directory at the Spring Festival IF QUESTIONS CONTACT: Jane Dunn 831-8827 gwtwfidddd1@tds.net

due May 15:

Polish Heritage Club - Madison Scholarship

for WI residents post High School education. Applicants must have Polish ancestry OR studying Polish language, history, society or culture OR be significantly engaged with Polish culture. They describe in 150 – 200 words their educational plans/career goals, and write an original 750 – 1000 word informative essay on a major event in Polish arts, culture, or history, and explain why the topic interests them or how it relates to them. Info/Application on our website: POLISH MADISON www.phcwi-madison.org

April 15 *Święconka* Holy Sat. Blessing of Food Baskets

Queen of Peace 10
St Bernard (Middleton) 12 pm
Blessed Sacrament 12 pm
St. Albert's 12 pm
Maria Goretti 1 pm



Please tell your family and friends!



April 9 • Spring Festival • 10-3

Immaculate Heart School 4913 Schofield St.
FROM S. BELTLINE: N. on Monona Dr. 1.5 mi.
ACROSS FROM GOLF COURSE: L Teresa Ter.

Open to the Public. Free admission.
Ample parking. Wheelchair accessible.



New this year:

Amber Exhibit

Thanks to Polanki Women's Cultural Club and Jane Dunn - Margie Hess's mural "Queen Jurata and the Baltic Sea" will

be displayed at our Festival.

See real and fake amber, amber jewelry and items from the collection of Jane Dunn.

Silent Auction • Swieconca Baskets, traditional food baskets to be blessed on Holy Saturday,

- Hand blown Polish art glass vase,
- Polish leaded crystal plate and covered dish,
- Babka Wielkanocne - Easter cake lamb,
- Baba Jaga spirit doll, hand crafted with patch-work skirt and amber pendant.



March 31 is pre-order deadline to guarantee your Kielbasa, Kiszka, Pierogi.
ORDER FORM ENCLOSED
*Available for sale during Festival while supply lasts.

A Palm Sunday tradition, the event features:

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TABLE and DEMOS OF: *pisanki*/ decorated eggs & *wianki*/ head wreaths. SALE OF: traditional baked goods, books, toys, amber jewelry, imported products, pottery. DISPLAYS: traditional Easter Basket "Święconka & Polish/Polish-American history and genealogy. ENJOY LUNCH: bigos, kielbasa, pierogi, & sauerkraut, while visiting and listening to Polish music. *Helpers needed before, during and after* - CONTACT: Linda.lindacagle@att.net (608) 244-2788

Madison area:

1st Fri FRIENDS BREAKFAST 9 am Monona Garden Restaurant
 Polish Kids Club www.facebook.com/PolishKidsClubMadison
 UW-Madison Polish Students win.wisc.edu/organization/PSA
 Szymon Wozniczka on WORT Radio 89.9 FM, ~ half Polish music
 ON ARCHIVES ~2 WKS. **20 March** ~10:15-12 "Global Revolutions"



1 April Decoupage Easter Eggs Workshop. Pinney Library.
 PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 (608)224-7100 (12 spaces)

11-30 April "Egg Art" Exhibit: wycinanki and decoupage eggs from Gloria's workshop. Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd

6 April 4 pm CREECA UW-Madison 206 Ingraham Hall
 Halina Filipowicz, Janusz Korczak (Henryk Goldszmit)

7-9 April Madison Symphony: Witold Lutosławski *Concerto for Orchestra*. (\$12-\$15 student rush tickets for concerts)

15 April Holy Sat. Blessing of Baskets *Święconka*

9 April POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Spring Festival

28-30 Apr Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest, Chula Vista Resort

3 May Polish Constitution Day *Trzeciego Maja* 1999 WI SJR 11

9 May 7 pm POLISH HERITAGE CLUB BOOK CLUB *The Crooked Mirror*

Movies: THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE (WWII Warsaw Zoo)
 AFTERIMAGE **31 Mar** 3:30 pm Marquee, **1 Apr** 3:45 Sundance
 WIGILIA and CHRISTMAS TREES **3 Apr** 6 pm Sundance

Burkhalter Tours: **June 23 - July 2** PORTRAIT OF POLAND

Genealogy:

Dane County Genealogical Society www.dcags.org
 2nd Sat. of month 11 am 4505 Regent St. (at Segoe)

WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php

6-8 April WSGS 2017 Gene-A-Rama: *Working Together to Make a Difference: Genealogy Basics and Beyond* - WI Dells
 WEBINARS at 7 pm: "Those that log in first will be admitted..."

18 April *Postmasters, Carriers, Railway Clerks: Genealogy UPS*

16 May *Misbegotten Children: Tracing Family of Illegitimate*

WI Historical Society www.wisconsinhistory.org/

17 June *Digging Deeper into DNA Testing*

Chicago:

12 April INSTUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES Poland Now Roundtable
 Series: Krzysztof Jasiewicz *Poland's Silent Revolution? Political Attitudes, Behavior of Post-Solidarity Generations*

24-25 April 4TH ANNUAL POLISH STUDIES CONFERENCE,
 U of IL Chicago Conference "Modernizations" "Poland has long been the focus of modernization theories, schemes, and projects. From Enlightenment travelers critiquing the Polish lands for their backwardness and incivility to communist ideologues intent on the revolutionary transformation of society, Poles have been engaged in conversations about modernization for most of the past two centuries."

6 May 11:30 am POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PARADE (new route)

Milwaukee:**POLISH CENTER OF WISCONSIN, Franklin, WI****Sponsored by Wisconsin Division Polish American Congress:**

Free. Everyone is invited to attend, take part in the discussions
3 April 7 pm Ernest Litynski (U.S. Military Academy graduate)
Thaddeus Kosciuszko's military career and West Point

past programs:

21 March Don Pienkos (Prof. Emeritus, UW-Milwaukee) Polish
Immigration & settlement in the U.S., Wisconsin, Milwaukee

28 March Ewa Barczyk (past Director of the UW-Milwaukee Libraries) *The impressive story of pre-World War II Polish Milwaukee and the Roman Kwasniewski photo collection.*

Fridays until **14 April** Lent Friday Fish Fries

9 April 6:30 pm *Memories of Poland Concert*

16 April Easter Brunch seatings at 10 & 12:30

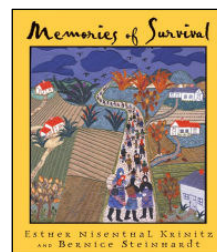
30 April Polanki's Pierogi Dinner DO NOT CALL THE POLISH CENTER
 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Seatings: 11 - 12:30 OR 1 pm - 2:30 pm
 \$17 Dinner 8 pierogi / \$12 for 4 pierogi (Children and Senior)
 Dinner: choice 2 Polish Salads, Dessert, and Coffee/Tea/Milk
 Cash Bar: Polish Beer, Vodka, Mixed Drinks, Wine and Soda

Craft demonstrations, Gift bazaar wonderful Polish gift items
 Advance reservations required with payment **by April 18th** –
 seating not guaranteed and will be determined by postmark.
 No walk-in. QUESTIONS CONTACT: Joanne Barndt (414) 962-5634
<https://polanki.org/pierogi-dinner/>

JEWISH MUSEUM MILWAUKEE, 1360 N Prospect Ave.

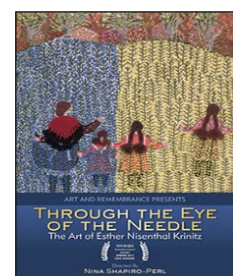
until **26 May** *Fabric of Survival: Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz*
 "She was 15 when she defied Nazi orders, separating from her family as they and the other Jews of their Polish village [Mniszek, Lublin Voivodeship] reported to a nearby train station. Making their way to a village where they were unknown, Esther and her younger sister survived the war by posing as Polish farm girls. They never saw their family again. Fifty years later, determined to show her daughters the family she had lost, Esther turned to needle and thread to create a series of 36 hauntingly beautiful, exquisitely detailed works of fabric collage and embroidery – a legacy born of love, loss, and the sheer force of memory."

Listen to Esther's daughters tell about 13 of the fabrics:
<http://jewishmuseummilwaukee.org/guide/>



MEMORIES OF SURVIVAL
 By Esther Nisenthal Krinitz and Bernice Steinhardt. Pub. by Art and Remembrance

DVD -
 THROUGH THE EYE OF THE NEEDLE
 The Art of Esther Nisenthal Krinitz
 Directed by Nina Shapiro-Perl
 An Art and Remembrance Production



CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

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

4/7 Tedd Mianowski	4/22 Don Wesolowski
4/7 Diane Dillet	4/23 Marlena Skarbek
4/10 Janine M. Sullivan,	4/25 Maxine Cuta
4/19 Michelle Michalak	4/28 Mary Pearlman
4/28 Patricia Brinkman	

12 Jan Dining in Gdansk Class Was held at All Through The House 160 E. Main St. Stoughton. *Instructor:* Betsy Piper Fee: \$50.00 "A hearty meal awaits when you learn to create Polish & Eastern European dishes! Comfort food at its' finest! Tonight join Betsy to learn how to prepare one of Poland's national dishes, pierogi. The legends of the origins of pierogi vary; but they were first served in the US in 1928 in Cleveland! Betsy will show you how to make them easily, and will share a variety of fillings! Along with pierogi, Betsy will share her recipe for Golabki, stuffed cabbage rolls; and a dessert of Mazurek, a traditional cake with many variations—tonight Betsy will demonstrate her version with apricots & walnuts."

17 Jan Wiktor Węgrzyn, 77, passed away in Chicago. Club member Basia Pulz attended her daughter-in-law's grandfather's funeral at St. Priscilla's Church, W. Addison St. On Feb. 18 her son Nicholas and his wife Katarzyna Bohenska, along with her mother Iwona Węgrzyn Bohenska, father Jack Chodzen, and sister Gia, went to his memorial services and burial in Warsaw, Poland. Thousands attended, including the bishop and Prime Minister, in the beautiful new basilica. His ashes were interred in the Hall of Distinguished Poles as a national hero. Born in Warsaw in 1939, Mr. Węgrzyn studied at Warsaw's Central School of Planning and Statistics, and was a bookseller and car mechanic. He emigrated to the U.S. in the 1970s. He founded the Association of International Motorcycle Rally KATYN. It organizes motorcycle rallies to places of murder and burial of Polish patriots, and provides assistance to Poles in the East in the form of food, clothing and toys to orphanages, as well as monetary aid. In 2010 President Bronislaw Komorowski awarded him the Knight's Cross of the Order of the Rebirth of Polish for outstanding merits in commemorating the truth about the Katyn massacre. SEE YOUTUBES: W.Węgrzyn events & funeral

Feb 11 MILWAUKEE Bal Maskowy (Masquerade Ball)

In Syrena's Polish Folk Dance Ensemble booklet:
 Congratulations Syrena's 30th, Ada's 100 -wishing many more!
 ~ from the Polish Heritage Club - Madison



Our website has Ada Dziewanowska's story and a video of her entrance and dancing at the celebration.

*Club members/sisters
 Jean Wroblewski and
 Jane Dunn with Ada*

Feb 25 Polish Club at International Festival Overture

INTERNATIONAL CAFÉ: bigos, kielbasa, rye bread, sauerkraut, Lane's Bakery pączki BAZAAR: books, crafts, jewelry



Marie R, Anne E, Linda C, Kasia V, Laurie R, Ann S, Shelle M, Irene S

Dziękuję to Kasia V. for these & other FB photos, & to all who shared Polish culture: Co-chairs: Linda Cagle & Gloria Welniak
 Skip Benninghouse Michelle Michalak Laurie Ross
 Pat Brinkman Sharon Pasowicz Ann Schachtner
 Anne Evans Allan Patek Irene Swiggum
 Laura Jasiczek Kathy Rasmussen Kasia Virgell
 Butch Luick Mary Ann Reale Janice Zmrazek
 Tedd Mianowski Marie Revolinski Julita Zolnik
 Ryszard Zolnik



*Laura J
 Skip B
 Butch L
 Tedd M*

Polish Food 1 hour from Madison: 28 Feb Madison.com: "Polish restaurant in downtown Wisconsin Dells" "

"Edytko Kapusta and her family moved from Tarnow, Poland to Chicago about 22 years ago. [They] have now come to make their home in the heart of Wisconsin Dells and realizing a dream of owning a restaurant. ...The restaurant has colorful photographs of Poland covering the walls and Polish decor..."

2 hrs. from Madison: Bacowka Polish Restaurant
 1120 S Roselle Road Schaumburg, IL (630) 283-0023

ON OUR CLUB'S FACEBOOK:

- Top 27 Polish first courses - Polish food list, photos, recipes.
- Travel Channel's BIZARRE FOODS with Andrew Zimmern's *Delicious Destinations* - Warsaw, Poland "the Slavic culture is rich & the hearty food sticks with you through the winter. From pierogi to zapiekanka to paczki, Andrew Zimmern explores the iconic eats that Poles hold as tradition."
 (next showing on TV on Travel Channel is 18 April 3:30 pm)

9 May 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB *The Crooked Mirror: A Memoir of Polish-Jewish Reconciliation* by Louise Steinman

Some books may be available at the Spring Festival
 Please contact Ralph & Karleen Tyksinski about your coming to their east Madison home: revralph341@yahoo.com (608) 873-6041. Thanks for their hosting us on Feb. 21 to discuss Krakow in the Middle Ages. Ralph showed a clip from Rick Steve's Kraków show, and played a recording of the Hejnał Mariacki. And Karleen's coconut lemon bars were perfect!

Amber ~ fossilized resin of trees, usually conifers

Amber Mining in Poland Today

by Andzia Chmil (printed with author's permission)



Mostly everyone who visits Poland brings back a piece of amber jewelry to keep or give as a gift. Years ago it was common to hear someone newly returned from Poland to say "I got this piece of amber for three dollars." Of course, people returning today from their trip to Poland now say I got this in Poland and, "Wow — it wasn't cheap!" "Bardzo drogi!"

Today Baltic amber is in great demand and short supply. The great mines in Sambia, the lone outpost of the Russian Federation in the Kaliningrad Oblast situated on the Baltic Sea between Poland and Lithuania, were flooded in 2004. These mines are said to contain upwards of 85% of the world's supply of Baltic amber. The Russian government has, for the most part, allowed it to stay submerged. Production is rumored to be down to 90 per cent or less of what it was previously. For those of us who have studied relations between Russian and Poland, this comes as no surprise.

Even "suitcase" amber — long a staple of the Polish amber industry has shrunk to such a degree that it is no longer deemed significant. This illegal source typically comes into Poland either directly from the Ukraine or from Russia via Lithuania.

The same is true of other legal sources such as amber gathering from Polish beaches and fishing for amber in the sea. Each of these activities is steeped in history, mythology, poetry and art and have been highly romanticized in the Pomeranian region. Both methods are back breaking, labor intensive and generally take place during winter storms when the waves and the wind churns up amber chunks and pieces that can be captured in nets or thrown onto the beach and quickly retrieved — often a lot of work for a small return.

There are today credible and workable deposits in the Ukraine and in Poland. Stricter environmental regulations in Poland, typical bureaucratic reams of red tape, and the agonizingly long process of granting licenses to producers to rinse amber deposits from under the Vistula River Delta all slow the mining process down. Presently less than 10% of the Polish manufacturing needs are met domestically.

Pawel Adamowicz, the Mayor of Gdansk, signed a decree in July of 2007 allowing licenses for amber rining on a dozen or so small plots owned by the city of Gdansk. Bear in mind that most, if not all, of these plots were prospected extensively and legally as far back as 1972, and unlawfully for many years before and after. To put it mildly, results have been less than stellar up to this point.

On the positive side, resuming amber mining in Gdansk, the undisputed amber capitol of the world provides a strong symbol of the Polish domination in the amber jewelry market. The City of Gdansk and the International Amber Association are constantly striving to improve and increase the mining situation and the marketing of Baltic amber. There are active plans to have a working amber mine become a tourist destination which will undoubtedly be a huge draw.

As the supply of raw amber continues to shrink, Polish amber producers have become quite sophisticated with their designs and their marketing strategies. Today's styles incorporate much more sterling silver than amber and rely on design, craftsmanship and quality amber as major selling points. The days of huge chunks of amber with little or no style and big, bulky amber bead necklaces are relegated to the past. Simply put — it's not your Babcia's amber anymore!

The Polish amber industry is experiencing a renaissance in craftsmanship and integrity that is closely watched and monitored by the International Amber Association in Poland, among other interested groups such as the Gdansk Chamber of Commerce and the office of the Mayor of Gdansk. The International Amber Association in Poland (IAA,) is a group of scientists, producers, experts, publishers, educators, artists and others who not only promote Baltic amber but also keep a close eye on the authenticity and integrity of the amber product offerings. In addition, they are diligently working with amber producers and government officials to open up amber mining in the Gdansk area.

Andzia and Holly Chmil are owners of Andzia's Amber Jewelry, known on the web as www.amberjewelry.com Andzia began working with amber in 1995 and her daughter Holly came on board in 2004 as a web developer. The company has been recommended by the prestigious International Amber Society in Poland every year since 2003.

Thank you to Andzia Chmil for permission to reprint her story, previously printed in the Polish American Journal.



bird & butterfly amber photos by Larry Hochman in Gdansk Amber Museum 2015

Polanki's "The Treasures of Poland's Water"



Queen Jurata and the Baltic Sea by Margie Hess

"Celebrate the Culture of Water" was the theme of Milwaukee's 2016 Holiday Folk Fair International at State Fair Park.

The exhibit: "The Treasures of Poland's Water - the Baltic Sea and amber, the only gem that is plucked from water" was organized by Polanki, Milwaukee's Women's Cultural Club. Thank you for their loan of the Queen Jurata mural.

Artist Margie Hess hand-painted the 5' x 5' mural of Queen Jurata and the Baltic Sea. In the legend, the Queen established laws to protect her sea creatures. But after she fell in love with a mortal, the god Perkun destroyed her amber colored palace with thunderbolts. She was never seen again, but pieces of amber sometimes wash up on Baltic Sea beaches. Margie used her favorite art styles of Yin Yang shape, Alphonse Mucha, Michelangelo, and Fuji Wave. She painted in acrylic, and applied fabric, lace, fish line, wood, gems and shells to create her 3D mural.

For the Folk Fair exhibit, bookmarks describing amber and Queen Jurata's legend were displayed on a table covered with "an extraordinary crocheted tablecloth reminiscent of a fishing net." The bookmarks were a popular take home item.

The interactive exhibit included:

- the vividly colored Queen Jurata mural
 - beautiful "Queen Jurata" herself visited
 - real amber floats, fake sinks in salt water (1 salt:10 water)
 - Ada Dziewanowska's Kashubian costume
 - beautiful pieces of amber in unique jewelry: mushrooms, animals, boats, dice, a vase, a lamp, and a cross
- ~ info. from Polanki's Nov & Dec newsletters

Thank you to Polanki and Margie Hess for their loan of the mural and information at our 2017 Spring Festival

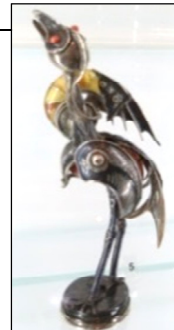
~ 60 varieties of amber

AMBER | Polish Institute polishinstitute.pl/amber/
Baltic amber deposits, which have or have had industrial importance, can only be found in Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Germany.

- Baltic (succinite) - most common variety, found Baltic Sea
- Burmese (burmite) - mainly in Myanmar (Burma)
- Dominican - blue, found Haiti and Dominican Republic
- Japanese - mined in N. part of the island of Honshu
- Mexican amber - found mainly in Chiapas
- Green - Dominican Republic, piney scent
- New Jersey - found on Atlantic coastal plain MD-MA

Amber in the News

Dec. 2016 Kachin state, northern Myanmar - Paleontologists discovered part of the tail of a 99-million-year-old dinosaur in a chunk of amber. The slightly curved barbed tail with bones, soft tissue, and feathers can be seen with the naked eye. They believe the tail belonged to a coelurosaur, a theropod dinosaur.



31 Jan 2017 DUBROVYTSYA, Ukraine (2 hr. N. of Rovno / Rivne) "...the town sits in the heart of Ukraine's Wild West—the thousands of acres of ravaged pine and birch forests whose sandy soils hide millions of dollars in amber. ...Soon we entered a dark forest of green pine and white birch that hid thousands of shallow amber pits—what locals call a Klondike."

"Vlad's black SUV softly crunched through the gravel in front of Dubrovysya's faded Polish Catholic church. The sound of circular saws echoed from inside, where workmen were restoring the 300-year-old rococo cathedral to its pre-Soviet glory—allegedly with money from the illicit amber trade. Stas, Vlad's partner, parked his BMW a couple blocks away."

The Dramatic Impact of Illegal Amber Mining. "A chaotic scene in the Ukraine has miners pitted against each other and the government, often with deadly consequences and significant environmental harm." *By John Wendle, Photos Brendan Hoffman*
news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/01/illegal-amber-mining-ukraine/

► 5:24 VIDEO: The Amber Capital of the World: Touring Gdansk's Amber Museum

<http://davidsbeenhere.com/category/europe-2/poland-episodes/>

"*DavidsBeenHere* is touring all the top sites of Poland's N. city of Gdansk. Known as the Amber Capital of the World, David visits the city's spectacular Amber Museum— a testament to the local gemstone. Filled with different pieces of amber dating as far back as the 10th century AD, stroll thru this modern gemstone sanctuary filled with different sculptures, fossilizations, jewelry, carvings and more. With loads of interesting pieces located in a cool, modern atmosphere, it only makes sense to visit the Amber Museum in the amber capital of the world. For more information on visiting this museum & all the top sites in Gdansk, check out the David's Been Here Guide to Poland. *Host David Hoffmann started his digital media company in 2007 "to supply plenty of travel inspiration and advice. To date, I've hosted over 1,000 travel episodes across 6 continents."*



Music



24 Jan PREMIERED AT SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

"The Polka King" U.S.A. Dir: Maya Forbes.—

"Based on the remarkable true story of the world's only known Polka Ponzi scheme, this mix of comedy and tragedy is about Jan Lewan, a Polish immigrant who believed in the American Dream. But with big dreams came big mistakes for the man who became the "King of Pennsylvania Polka."

CAST: Jack Black, Jenny Slate, Jason Schwartzman.....

12 Feb Grammy winners: Sarah Jarosz: Best Folk Album: *Undercurrent* & Best American Roots Performance: *"House of Mercy"* An Austin, Texas daughter of Polish and Irish American teachers, she performed in 2012 in Stoughton.
Best Choral Performance: *Penderecki Conducts Penderecki, Vol.1* — Krzysztof Penderecki, conductor; Henryk Wojnarowski, choir director Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra, Choir.

21 Feb Conductor Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, 93, died in Minneapolis. Born in Lwów in 1923, he studied piano and violin at age 4. A bomb explosion in 1941 injured his hand and ended his plans of being a concert pianist. In Krakow he worked with conductors Andrzej Panufnik and Witold Lutosławski. In 1959 he and his wife Krystyna fled communist Poland. Director of the Minnesota Orchestra for 19 years, he worked with the symphony for 50 years. His last performance in Oct. was conducting Bruckner's Symphony No. 8. He received Poland's Knight's Cross of Polonia Restituta in 2014.

~ information from NPR's DECEPTIVE CADENCE by Anastasia Tsioulcas, PAJ March 2017 and Skrowaczewski's website

POLKA!WI Public Television's new show debuted in March.

Musician and host Mollie Busta explores how European immigrants brought polka music to WI. *watch online, see map of venues, etc. wptschedule.org/episodes/46991812/Polka/

7,8, 9 April Madison Symphony, Overture Hall



Colossal Piano

Philippe Bianconi:
Schumann, Rachmaninoff,
and Witold Lutosławski's
Concerto for Orchestra

PRELUDE DISCUSSION:
John DeMain,
MSO Music Director

from *Culture.pl* 2008/08/09

"Witold Lutosławski completed his Concerto for Orchestra in 1954, after four years' work. Commissioned (unofficially) by Witold Rowicki, who wanted Lutosławski to write a work of music for the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra (which was being set up at that time), the piece was inspired by Béla Bartók's eponymous composition in its general outline, yet is highly distinct. Lutosławski reached out for Oskar Kolberg's five-volume Mazowsze collection of Polish folk music from the Mazovian region and these tunes, although considerably modified and transformed, recur throughout the Concerto, underlying all of the key themes and motifs."

Wisconsin Dells Polka Fest

April 28-30, 2017

A Weekend of Music, People, and Memories,
Surrounded by Beautiful Wisconsin Dells Views at a
Lavish Family Resort! A Great Weekend of FUN, is
coming!!! Don't miss the PARTY!

The Polka Country Musicians from Connecticut
Mollie B! w/Ted Lange Squeezebox Mollie B Polka Party
The Ampol-Aires from Illinois
The New Generation Band from Wisconsin
Sheelytown from Nebraska
Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen from Wisconsin
Doctor Kielbasa from Minnesota
Box On! from Michigan

New in 2017 The Bloody Mary Morning Monster Jam!
Special Appearance - Polka Legend: Chet Kowalkowski!
HALL OF FAMER, PAST IPA DIRECTOR, FOUNDER OF POLISH CAROLERS,
BAND-LEADER AND MUSICIAN

www.ipapolkas.com/interview-with-chet-kowalkowski/
from: INTERVIEW – SEPT 2011 by Christy Krawisz, Editor of the IPA

IPA: "Tell me about your relationship with one of your best friends, Eddie Blazonczyk, Sr."

Chet: "My relationship with Eddie began in our childhood years. Accompanied by our families, we would march, in our Goral attire, in the May Day Parade from Augusta Boulevard to Humboldt Park. Following the parade, Eddie and I would ride our bicycles behind Pulaski Village, which was located on 18th and Ashland. During our high school years, Eddie spent most of his time with his sister in Wisconsin as a rock and roll musician by the name of Eddie Bell and the Bel-Aires. When he was in town, Eddie and I would entertain at various Polish organizations."

Jam Room Continues - Musicians bring your instruments!
Music workshops return to the Polka Fest!
Kids under 16 free with guardian! Bus Groups Welcome!!!

2017 Bigger and Better than ever!
Workshops - Dance Lessons - Specialty Vendors
A truly unique weekend experience!

**Chula Vista Resort, 2501 River Rd,
Wisconsin Dells, WI**

<http://www.dellspolkafest.com/>

WATCH ON-LINE UNTIL MAY 2 - available around the world:

Opera Platform Władysław Żeleński's GOPLANA

from Polish National Opera as video on demand

Polish motifs used in the music: the polonaise, kujawiak,
mazurka and oberek. English translation on the screen.

<http://www.theoperaplatform.eu/en/opera/zelenski-goplana>

UW CREECA Lecture
Center for Russia, East Europe and Central Asia

from CREECA website:

“WHAT WE TALK ABOUT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT JANUSZ KORCZAK (HENRYK GOLDSZMIT)”

When: April 6, 2017 4:00 pm

Where: 206 Ingraham Hall, 1155 Observatory Drive

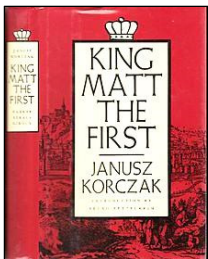
Speaker: Halina Filipowicz, Professor of Slavic, UW-Madison

About the lecture: What we talk about when we talk about Janusz Korczak (1878?-1942), a renowned Polish Jewish pediatrician, educator, and writer, is a familiar set of terms: kindness, aversion to injustice, advocacy of children’s rights, and, above all, the courage of willing self-sacrifice for the children in his orphanage in the Warsaw ghetto. Why, then, has the Polish Jewish writer Henryk Grynberg argued that the notion of Korczak’s self-sacrifice constitutes “an insult” (“zniewaga”) to Korczak? How does a new, corrected edition (and a new reading) of Korczak’s last, unfinished book, known in English under the misleading titles *Memoirs and Diary*, expand our understanding of his biography?

About the speaker: Halina Filipowicz is a professor in the Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic and an affiliate in the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies at UW-Madison. Her areas of scholarly interest include literary and intellectual history, critical theory, and feminist discourse. Her most recent book is *Taking Liberties: Gender, Transgressive Patriotism, and Polish Drama, 1786-1989* (2014).

Henryk Grynberg b.1936 is a novelist, short-story writer, poet, playwright and essayist. He spent 1942-1944 in hiding places, and later lived in Łódź and Warsaw. An actor in the State Jewish Theatre company, he defected while the company was touring the USA in 1967.

Janusz Korczak wrote over twenty books. His fiction was as well-known as *Peter Pan*. *King Matt the First / Król Maciuś Pierwszy* tells the story of a young king’s adventures, and social reforms - he ordered that all children be given a piece of chocolate at the end of each day.



Joe’s Violin | 2017 Oscar Nominee

| 24 min. | The Screening Room | The New Yorker |

WATCH ON: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D5h_Y8N4tg

A 91-year-old Holocaust survivor’s violin donation during an instrument drive changes the life of a 12-year-old girl from the Bronx. Joe was born in Warsaw in 1923. He played a violin growing up, and found this story’s violin in a DP camp.

Story in Sept. 2016 NEW YORKER:

<http://www.newyorker.com/culture/culture-desk/a-holocaust-survivors-violin-finds-a-new-home>

Movies



opens March 31: *The Zookeeper's Wife*

Based on the 2007 book by Diane Ackerman. Stars Jessica Chastain as Antonina Żabińska - who with her husband worked with the Resistance to save lives out of the Warsaw Ghetto. (D.Ackerman is in Madison May 18-19 at Pro-mega’s International Consciousness Forum.)

Poland at Wisconsin Film Festival

Full description /ticket ordering: <http://2017.wifilmfest.org/>

• **Afterimage *Powidoki* Poland | 2016 | 98 min**



Mar 31 - 3:30 pm Marquee
Apr 1 - 3:45 pm Sundance

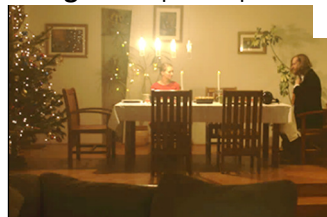
In Polish, English subtitles.

"The final film from dir.

Andrzej Wajda (1926-2016), the Godfather of contemporary Polish cinema, is a

profoundly relevant dramatized biography of the avant garde artist and art instructor Wladyslaw Strzeminski. Wajda introduces us to Strzeminski who lost an arm and a leg in WWI, as a charismatic and influential force on his students in the years following WWII. Soon, however, his revolutionary writings & ideas about art run afoul of the Soviet communist powers."

• **Wigilia UK | 2016 | 70 min Dir: Graham Drysdale RUSH ONLY**



Apr 3 - 6:00 pm Sundance

"This charming and touching two-hander brings together two lonely souls in surprising ways on a Christmas Eve in Glasgow. Alone in Scotland for the holidays, Polish

cleaner Agata (Iwona Glowinska) is trying to celebrate Wigilia, her country’s traditional Christmas feast, in an apartment whose owner is away. Before it can get started, she’s alarmed to be joined by Robbie (Duglas T. Stewart), the ne’er-do-well brother of the apartment’s owner. Since she’s made plenty of food and Wigilia always allows a spot for a wandering pilgrim to arrive..." SCHEDULED TO ATTEND: Graham Drysdale, Director

SHOWING WITH: **Christmas Trees USA | 2016 | 24 min** "a man dealing with deep sadness after tragedy strikes...Boasting exquisite performances by core members of American Players Theater, beautiful cinematography that exhibits the haunting nature of the Wisconsin winter, this breathtaking short ..."

Across the World and Back: Aloha Wanderwell Baker

USA | 60 min Sun Apr 2 - 11am The Marquee "...first woman to travel around the world by car.... five continents the 1920s and 1930s.... events such as Polish army maneuvers Live commentary by Heather Linville, piano by David Drazin.

• **Illegitimate France, Poland, Romania | 2016 | 89 min**

In Romanian with English subtitles Dir: Adrian Sitaru

Apr 2 - 4 pm Sundance; Apr 4 - 4:15 pm Sundance "Secrets threaten to tear a family apart in this incisive moral tale."

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Polish Connection / where family lived in Poland:

SPRING FESTIVAL ORDER FORM DUE MARCH 31

1.00 USD = 3.98 Złoty **IN THE NEWS** various sources

POLAND: Unemployment 8.6% Jan, 8.5% Feb.

1.384 million registered as unemployed at the end of Feb.

- 24% say they don't get enough sleep vs. 31% USA, 9% India.
- EU's Investment Bank loaned Poland >EUR 4.4 bil. in 2017. Supports investment in railways, roads and enterprises.
- *Swallowing Mercury / Guguły* by Wioletta Grzegorzewska nominated for the 2017 International Man Booker Prize.
- Over past 16 mo. 26 generals+260 top officers have left their posts. Government says due to retirements & reorganizations.
- Ryanair has 30% of Poland's market, expects to fly ~11 mil. passengers to and from Poland in 2017.
- By end of March 2019 will start issuing electronic ID cards.

22 Jan CHICAGO, Polish Museum 80th Anniversary of opening:

speakers, slide show, dancers, jazz singer Grażyna Auguścik.

23 Jan STOUGHTON, Lake Kegonsa DN World Iceboat Championship
4 visiting Poles in top 10, Poland's Karol Jablonski 1st place.

25 Jan Bielsko-Biala will give actor Tom Hanks a Maluch (a Fiat 126p hatchback). 3.3 mil. built before discontinued in 2000.

5 Feb CHICAGO, Holy Name Cathedral - St. Adalberts protested sale of their church, part of the Pilsen consolidate plans.

7 Feb WARSAW Chancellor Angela Merkel discussed "reforms essential for the EU to tackle mounting divisions over future"

8 Feb LVIV, W. Ukraine - "Our Land" painted on wall of Polish consulate. Other vandalism to Polish monument and graves.

10 Feb OŚWIĘCIM - Prime Minister Beata Szydło hospitalized, minor injuries when her car hit a tree after forced off road.

11 Feb VATICAN - Pope Francis appointed Archbishop Hoser (of Warszawa-Praga) as a Special Envoy to Medjugorje.

13 Feb LONDON, Heathrow Airport warehouse -Robbers stole Copernicus's *De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium* by breaking thru roof's skylights, and abseiling down into the warehouse,

15 Feb KŁODAWA, cen.Poland - Bomb exploded in police station. EUROPEAN BEST DESTINATIONS 2017 - Gdańsk third place.

19 Feb WARSAW - Death of actress Danuta Szaflarska, 102.

LIBIAŻ, S. Poland - Funeral for missionary Helena Kmiec who was murdered in a Bolivian child care center.

21 Feb New Polish hospital reforms aim to coordinate services.

22 Feb LONDON Fashion Wk - Book: *Chrysalis* Hx Polish fashion. ABU DHABI, UAE -International Defense Exhibition /Conference Polish defense company WB Group showed drones, radios.

26 Feb WARSAW, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - The Polish Army Orchestra performed 1797 version *Mazurek Dąbrowskiego*.

1 Mar Na. Day of the "Cursed Soldiers" - Commemorate anti- communists: new coins, 1963m runs dedicated to Józef Franczak.

3 Mar BRUSSELS - PM Szydło was only no vote of 28 to reappoint Donald Tusk EU Council President.

5 Mar WARSAW ~4,000 women marched "Against authoritarian abuse" 40 Polish cities had women's protests.

6 Mar Publication of "An open letter warning about Donald Trump from the women of Poland to the women of America"

8 Mar WARSAW, International Women's Day - Protesters wrote on a "wall of fury". Actress Jessica Chastain attended the march.

17-19 Mar LEŻAJSK, SE PL - Hasidic Jews pray, sing psalms at Tzadik Elimelech's tomb, 230th anniversary of his death.

18 Mar RENA to LILLEHAMMER Birkebeinerrennet XC race - Won by Justyna Kowalczyk, 34, from Limanowa, Poland.

18 Mar-Apr 09 Dollywood, TN Festival of Nations - First time for dance troupe Śląsk and a promotional video about Poland.