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Mateusz Smoczynski - June 19

\$5 for both sets: 7pm solo
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see story in his newsletter

NorthWest Student Exchange

would like to pair up with the Madison Polish Club in spreading the word about cultural exchange. "Each year we receive student applications from students ages 15 to 18 from over 20 countries that are involved in a variety of clubs/sports in their home country. ..."

Wouldn't it be great if they could have a host sibling also involved in school or community activities? NWSE offers a \$175 referral incentive to your club when a family or individual contacts us & is approved to host. NWSE pays out the stipend once the international exchange student arrives in the USA." CONTACT Marge marge@nwsemail.org or www.nwse.com

NWSE, a non-profit organization founded in 1987 in Seattle, cooperates with schools, local and international communities to create and coordinate affordable cultural exchange programs." About a 2017/18 student: "Kasia from Poland" www.nwse.com/blog/stellar-exchange-student-kasia-from-poland/

2018 - The 100th anniversary of the recovery of Poland's independence.

June 2 N.Bethesda, MD: Music Center at Strathmore - **National Philharmonic - Miroslaw Jacek Blaszczyk**

"Three giants of Polish music are featured in this concert honoring Poland's 100th anniversary of independence. Debski is a renowned composer who strides many genres and styles; Chopin, a giant of the Romantic era; Szymanowski was Poland's ambassador composer of the 20th century. Each [work] commemorates the national, cultural and musical identity of Poland."

Krzysztof Debski	<i>Husarii Polonaise</i>
Chopin	<i>Piano Concerto No. 2</i>
Szymanowski	<i>Stabat Mater</i>

June 8 CHICAGO, Café la Cave - The Polish Museum of America's 38th Summer Gala: "Celebrating 100 years of Independence"

June 23, 2018 Midsummer's Eve St. John's Eve/ Noc Świętojańska Noc Kupały/ Sobótka



FROM: <http://www.krakow-info.com/folk.htm>

KRAKÓW, PL - *Wianki* or wreaths floating, is part of the all-night open-air festivities celebrating the summer solstice. Girls put flower-and-magic-herbs garlands adrift down a river and watch. If a boy snatches your wreath, you will marry soon. If it sinks, you will die young. And whenever it couples with another girl's wreath you may count on a life-long friendship.

WASHINGTON D.C. - Lincoln Memorial *Festival of Wreaths Wianki -the National Mall*
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ex6MRq2YGe0&feature=youtu.be

you might enjoy this not-a-club event:
MADISON - Starkweather Creek *Solstice Sunset Bonfire Celebration*
Olbrich Park 3527 Atwood Ave. Bonfire lighting at 8:20 pm or so. (The actual moment of the 2018 Solstice is Thursday 21 June, 5:07 am.)
www.sasyna.org/index.php/recent-activities/solstice-committee/

Madison area:

1st Fri 9am POLISH BREAKFAST | Monona Garden | 608/ 831-8827

1st Sun 3pm POLISH MASS St. Cecilia WI Dells Fr. B.Slodowski

19 June 7pm Mateusz Smoczyński, violin | North St Cabaret

13 Aug 7pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB | Middleton | 608/ 836-8632

Summer POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Picnic

16 Sept POLISH HERITAGE CLUB at the 41st Annual Willy St. Fair

2018 October Polish American Heritage Month

10 Nov POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Bazaar

1 Dec POLISH HERITAGE CLUB Wigilia

Wisconsin Public TV in the Madison area: (a repeat)

Martha Stewart Cooks E. European Cookies - Polish chrusciki, Russian goose feet, jam-filled kolaches, pryaniki.

On WPT Channel 21 and 195 cable: 9 June 11:30

On Create Channel 21-3 and 197: 3 June 7pm and 10:30pm,
4 June 1am and 4:30am

Milwaukee: 15-17 June Polish Fest Summerfest Grounds

22 June 5-11pm Wisconsin Bike Fed's 4th Polish Moon Ride

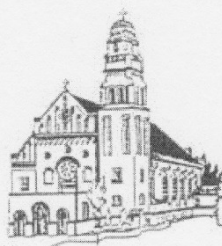
Eat! 5-7pm Ride! 7-9 pm Polka! 9-11pm \$25 - 50

Fuel Cafe 630 S. 5th St. in Milwaukee's hip Walker's Point Neighborhood, right below the historic Rockwell Clock Tower (AKA the Polish Moon). "This is a SLOW 8 mile ride."

www.eventbrite.com/e/polish-moon-ride-paseo-de-la-luna-polaca-tickets-42987109602

Portage County: INFO. FROM: Stevens Pt Area C&VB

www.stevenspointarea.com/ www.polishconnection.com "Dance News" and Ruth Lietz (TO RECEIVE EMAILS: polkaruth@hotmail.com)

**Stevens Point:**

June 1-3 St. Joseph

*Sun Cynor Classics

June 9-10 St. Peter's

*Sun Main Squeeze alt/w Norm Dombrowski's Happy Notes

June 17 St. Stephen's Family Fest

June 23-24 St. Ladislaus, Event in Bevent

* Sat 4pm Maroszek Bros Polka Mass,

5-8:30pm Natural Talent (TNT) 8:30-12 Blame It On Waylon

* Sun 11-2pm Chad Przybylski Polka Rhythms

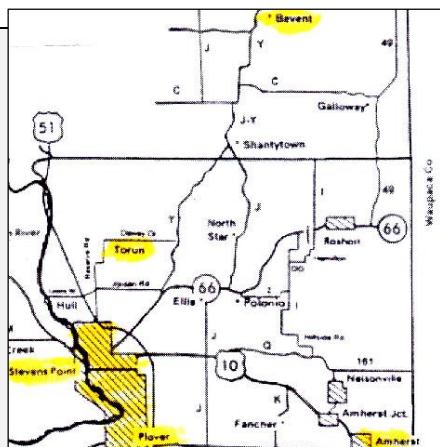
1-8pm Tony Blazarczyk New Phaze alt/ New Polish Sounds

July 1 St. Mary of Mt Carmel - Fancher, Amherst

10am Polka Mass, 11:30-1pm Ray Konkol,

1-7pm Chad Przybylski and Polka Rhythms

alt/ Steve Burclaw's New Polish Sounds

**Genealogy:****Madison Public Library - Researching Your Family Hx**

5 June Pinney Library 6:30-8:00pm

*Registration required. Register online or call the individual library.

"Learn how to dig into your family history and uncover stories that help you to understand where you come from and the ancestors who had an impact on your life. Lori Bessler will provide information on how to research your family using online resources and collections found at the Wisconsin Historical Soc... Lori has lectured in Wisconsin and the Midwest on genealogical topics for over 30 years and researching family history for over 40 years. She specializes in breaking down brick walls, and finding hard-to-find resources."

<https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/new/researching-your-family-history>

Additional Resources

Wisconsin Historical Society's Family History Records

www.ancestry.com/ai/collections/WI/WHS?o_xid=70488&o_lid=70488&o_sch=Library%2fAssoc

Madison Public Library | History & Genealogy Resources

www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/research/internetresources/history-and-genealogy

Madison Public Library | Genealogy Resources

www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/booklists/genealogy-resources-madison-public-library

Polish Fest www.polishfest.org/schedule/entertainment/

15-17 June Polish Genealogical and Milwaukee Co. Societies

15 June 2 - 3pm Speaker's Forum - Steve Szabados: *Finding Babicia's Grandma - Where did they leave? What did they do?*

WI State Genealogical Society wsgs.org/index.php

WEBINARS 7 pm: "Those that log in first will be admitted"

19 June *50+ Sources Finding Photos of Ancestors* Katherine R. Willson: "If you haven't inherited photos of your ancestors, learn about the 50+ potential sources that you may have overlooked, including printed media, organizations, digital sources and even distant relatives that you may not know about (with tips on initiating contact that ensures a response). Register at:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6089521292721167363>

17 July *The Erie Canal and the Opening of the Midwest*

21 Aug *Citing Sources and Evaluating Evidence*

12-13 October 2018 WSGS Fall Seminar in Marshfield, WI

16 Oct *Tips and Techniques French Records*

20 Nov *More than Just the Census: Federal Government*

18 Dec *Finding Your Ancestors in Fraternal Organizations*

TRIP - POLONIA CHICAGO: with Milwaukee Food & City Tours

11 August "You don't have to travel overseas to visit the Old Country. Chicago boasts a thriving Polish community and we will celebrate all things Polish." Included on the tour:

- St. Hyacinth Basilica, in the heart of Chicago's Polish Village
- Docent-led tour of The Polish Museum of America
- Sit-down lunch at Staropolska's, the top Polish restaurant
- Shopping at Endy's Deli and Kurowski's Sausage
- Round trip transportation. - Narrated, guided tour

• Departures: Madison \$120; Milwaukee \$115

• Madison Motorcoach pick-ups: JC Penny East Town (6:20) Colonial Club (6:35 AM), Jefferson Senior Center (7:15 AM)

• Please call 414-255-0534 ext. 3 with your specific requests.

<https://www.milwaukeefoodtours.com/polonia-chicago>

TRIP - Magic of Poland Christmas Markets: 4 Dec-15 Dec

Club, Member and Wisconsin News



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are invited to share your news, stories, *Sto lat!*

Happy Birthday to:

6/1 Nate Luick	6/16 Suzanne Perkins
6/6 Andy Zallar	6/19 Brinlee Luick
6/8 Sharon Maggioncalda	6/20 Angela Jakacki
6/14 Gerald Dunn	6/22 David Miller
6/24 Julita Zolnik, Teresa Farnsworth	

Happy Anniversary to:

6/5 Dennis & Elaine Schenborn	6/11 Randi H. Thorson
6/20 Izabela & Dane Morgan	6/29 Kathy Nelson

Welcome to new members: Elsie (Ptak) Kromenaker,
David Manthey, Mary Manthey

April 22 FRANKLIN, WI - The Polish Center

"1979-1989 – Living through Poland's Extraordinary Decade"

The Wisconsin State Division of the Polish American Congress and the Polish Heritage Alliance sponsored the discussion moderated by Dr. Donald Pienkos. Memories were shared by Irena Fraczek, Eugene Kaluzny, Jaroslaw Mielczarek, Hedy Moskaluk, Katarzyna Murawska and Derek Zarzeczny.

"In May 1979, Pope John Paul II made his very first visit to his homeland after his election as head of the Roman Catholic Church. Just a year later the Solidarity trade union movement was born in Gdansk. In December 1981, the communist regime imposed martial law on the country and suppressed Solidarity. The years after were very hard on Poland's people. Finally in 1989 the regime, Solidarity and the Church agreed on limited but free elections for Poland, elections Solidarity won in resounding fashion. Within a few months communist rule had come to a non-violent end and a new democratic Poland had been born. It was truly an amazing decade!"

13 Aug Tue 7 pm POLISH CLUB BOOK CLUB in Middleton

TOPIC: Communist Poland Stories:



- **The Dog Called Hitler** by Walerian Domanski b.1946 "An eclectic gathering of short stories illustrating the burden of communism... a beautifully written collection of historically poignant vignettes..." ~ Kirkus Reviews
*Several copies are available to share.



- **Marzi: A memoir** by Marzena Sowa b.1979 A teen graphic novel, "a story of an ordinary girl in turbulent, changing times."
*4 books South Central library, 2 in UW Library.

- **Mind-Boggling Oddities of Communist Poland**
<https://culture.pl/en/article/10-mind-boggling-oddities-of-communist-poland>

Dziękuję to Kasia and Marian Krzyzostaniak for hosting our May 1 Book Club. Please contact them if you plan to attend next time kasiakrzyzostaniak@outlook.com or 608/ 836-8632
*You're welcome to be on the email list to receive info. even if you don't plan to attend. CONTACT: phcwiNEWS@gmail.com

Did you receive an emailed May newsletter?

It was sent to all members whose email we have, along with events not included in the May newsletter. If you'd like to receive future newsletter by email (in color and searchable) just let us know!
CONTACT: phcwiNEWS@gmail.com

Our sympathies to the family and friends of:

Hanna Maria Sobkowicz b.'31 Warsaw; d.Mar.31 Madison. Doctor Sobkowicz received her M.D. and Ph.D. from the Warsaw Medical Academy. She came to the U.S. in 1963 and to Madison in 1966, where she was the first woman professor in the UW Department of Neurology. She authored publications on the development and regeneration of the nervous system, guided many students, and received awards from the NIH and NASA. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerzy Rose. Donations can be made to the Dane County Humane Society or to the International Crane Foundation. FROM: "Who's Who in Polish America" and her obituary.

Peggy Kent b.Oct. 9, 1953 Wausau, WI; d.May 13 Madison. Club member Peggy A. (Stralkowski) Kent received degrees in Religious Studies from Edgewood College, music education from UW-Madison and a Masters in Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She valued her family's Polish traditions, and each year ordered opłatek at Wigilia time. Visitation will be at Holy Wisdom in Middleton on June 1 and 2 with a service at 11 am. Memorials may be made to the Madison Symphony Chorus, or Bible Study Fellowship.

Marie Curie virtual reality 4/13 WI ST J by Judy Newman - "Playing in the big leagues" *Breaking Boundaries in Science* takes you on the journey of Marie Curie...: viewers wearing an Oculus headset can go inside the shed where Curie did her research...with beakers and bubbling cauldrons, and a full-scale model of the mobile X-ray machine she invented for use on World War I battlefields. They can walk around the room, click on objects to learn about their role in Curie's research." [Filament Games Software 316 W Washington Ave, Madison](#)

Pierogi Quotes 5/12 THE CAP TIMES by Gwendolyn Rice "Let's Eat: Polish pierogi get their moment in Madison"

- **Sean Pharr, Mint Mark 1929 Winnebago St:** "...their prep cooks normally make 5 dozen filled pierogi every morning to keep up with the nightly demand. 'When we first opened, we offered pierogi filled with smoked potato, gruyere and mushrooms, served on a bed of red cabbage braised in wine... incredibly popular. When we're a little further into the summer season I'm planning to try a filling with fresh peas and potatoes...Then maybe we'll add some curry ..."
- **Laila Borokhim, nuuNoosh 1431 Regent St:** "In the colder months, [she] fills them with mashed potatoes and a blend of cheddar and a Polish white cheese, similar to farmer's cheese, which she sources in Chicago. Simmered in borscht (beet) broth, the dumplings take on a pink hue... Everyone loves them!" This summer she's considering a slightly lighter version, appropriate for the restaurant's sunny patio."

Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarships:

Edward C. Smith Award Michael Franczak of New Berlin, WI received \$3,000 for his third year studies in Medicine at the UW-Madison. His picture was in the Winter KF 2017-18 news. **The Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship** for summer study at Jagiellonian University in Krakow is made available through the generosity of a Polish American couple from Wisconsin

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Mateusz Smoczynski is probably the most interesting and accomplished jazz violinists on Polish music scene today. He has been performing and recording for over ten years with multiple groups in Poland and abroad. He finally released his first solo CD called "Metamorphoses" last year. Mateusz describes his solo set as a crossover music - between jazz, classical and little bit of bluegrass. He uses loops to add a violin rhythm part during his live performances (see a 3rd UT link) Prior to that, he recorded three CDs with his own jazz group - Mateusz Smoczynski Quintet, two CDs with the New Trio (founded with his brother Jan), as well as five CDs with the Atom String Quartet - first ever Polish jazz string group which he co-founded in 2009. He also performed and released CDs with USA's Turtle Island Quartet from the West Coast in early 2000s. Please check out more info about Mateusz at:

www.smoczynski.pl

<https://musicians.allaboutjazz.com/mateuszsmoczynski>

<https://www.facebook.com/smoczynskimateusz/>

North Street Cabaret is a fairly new music venue on the east side of Madison, next to the Tip Top Tavern. I have been their several times. It is a very nice venue. They feature a lot of jazz, world, folk music. I like their cozy, friendly atmosphere and focus on supporting interesting musicians.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3TRkHLIOzk>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4hH_MsTdHA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BE29dRKvjik>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNViRv6ASB8> (with his quintet)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCnFU94h5yQ> (with quintet)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOh2WAUf5Ds> (Atom String Q)

Sincerely,
 Szymon Wozniczka
 (for Mad-PolKA Productions)



Niles, IL. St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church 2 hrs. from Madison
Dec. 17 "Christmas in Poland" was presented by The Lira Singers, the nation's only professional performing arts company specializing in Polish music, song and dance.

Feb.11 "Eastern Europe Shines" The Musica Lumina conducted by Marek Rachelski performed:

Szymanowski: *Five short songs on children's rhymes* from *Rymy Dzieciece*, Opus 49 and *Wszyscy Przyjechali*

Jozef Swider: *Miserere* and *Kto Szuka Cie*

Chopin: *Prez z moich oczu*, Opus 74, No. 6

Stinislaw Nieiadomski: *Latawica*

Stanislaw Moniuszko: *Piesn wieczovma* and *Dumka Jadwigii* from *Strasny Dwor* (*Haunted Manor*)

May 12 Wisconsin State Capitol

100th Anniversary of Lithuanian Independence

Madison Vilnius Sister Cities, Inc. and The Honorary Lithuanian Consulate in Wisconsin presented "The Singing Revolution." Composer Kestutis Daugirdas conducted 40 singers, including Madison's choir, Sostines Balsai and singers from Madison, Milwaukee, Baraboo, Deerfield, Waupaca, Minnesota and Maryland and choir members from Chicago's Dainava and Kansas City's Menulio Sviesa.

"The Singing Revolution was commissioned to mark the 25th anniversary of Lithuania's Declaration of Independence from the USSR, the first of the republics to successfully achieve it. The cantata debuted at the Tenth North American Lithuanian Song Festival, Dainu Svente, held in Chicago, July 2015, where it was performed by 1400 singers of all ages – members of professional and community choirs from throughout the U.S. and Canada with guest choirs from Lithuania and London. The singers included two choirs from Wisconsin. Composer Kestutis Daugirdas conducted the musicians/vocal ensemble." <http://www.madisonvilnius.org/the-singing-revolution-program>

May 19 First Unitarian Society, Madison

The Slavic Soul, A Musical Journey

Artistic Director Sergei Pavlov and the Festival Choir of Madison presented "a musical journey through Russia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Poland and Slovakia.

Presenting several choral masterworks by Georgy Sviridov, folk song arrangements by Bela Bartók, Dmitri Shostakovich, and Krassimir Kyurkchiysky, along with a world premiere by **the young Polish composer Szymon Godziemba-Trytek."**

The choir was joined by Anya Gubenkova, soloist of the Russian Folk Orchestra-University of Wisconsin, Madison, and guest conductor Dr. Nikoleta Popova, director of Choirs at the Conservatorio Superior de Gran Canaria, Spain. A dessert, wine and coffee reception followed the concert.

<https://festivalchoirmadison.squarespace.com/concerts/2018/5/thelavicsou>

Szymon Godziemba-Trytek b.1988 in Bielsko-Biała,

is a graduate of the The Feliks Nowowiejski Academy of Music in Bydgoszcz. A winner of many prizes and scholarships, he lectures on choral composition and choral music of the 20th and 21st century. His works are included in many festivals.





Feb 14 New York - Violinist Anna Karkowska 36, died of breast cancer. In 2009 and 2010 she and her sister Kasha performed in Ladysmith, West Bend, Oconto Falls, Richland Center and Milwaukee. A 2009 MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL story titled "Pianist, violinist sisters put on a polished show" told of their Wisconsin Lutheran College program of classical favorites and traditional Polish music: "Both sisters are virtuoso artists, and they have a penchant for entertaining too: their concerts feature storytelling and light, sisterly banter interspersed with their bright, precise playing for an all-round stage performance." Anna's 2010 YouTube videos ...were filmed during Abbey Road recording sessions with the London Symphony Orchestra... She was known for her "unorthodox style, featuring a broad vibrato and extravagant portamentos, [which] excited much debate online..." www.karkowskaduo.org/index.html

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West Bend January 29 7:30pm.
Oconto Falls PAC Feb 7th 3 pm



Performing "virtuoso pieces with virtuoso accompaniment" (Union Journal Chicago) and "telling fantastic stories with music that literally takes ones breathe away"
 - Fairmont Chamber Music
 The sisters were born in Lodz and graduated from its Wieniawski Music High School. Anna, the

violinist, has received many awards and performed as soloist with many groups. She graduated from the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati [Piotr Milewski] & the Juilliard School in NY City [Dorothy DeLay and Hyo Kang].

May 25 - June 5 KRAKÓW, Film Music Festival

Michael Nyman - 2018 Wojciech Kilar Award

The British composer, musicologist, pianist, and author - of around eighty film scores, symphonic and chamber music works, operas and music to the videogame Enemy Zero - will solo with his suite from the Oscar-winning film *The Piano*.

"Wojciech Kilar (1932-2013) was a founder of the school of avant-garde music in the early 1960s.

In the 1970s he began to use a simplified musical idiom, turning to tradition and looking for inspiration in folk music and religion. In many works he attempted to revive a national style in Polish music. The folk music of the Tatras and the Tatra foothills inspired Kilar in works such as *Kościelec 1909*, *Grey Mist*, *Orawa* and, first and foremost, *Krzesany*, his most popular orchestral piece performed with much success all over the world. Kilar wrote soundtracks for more than 150 films. He collaborated with many top Polish directors, including Krzysztof Kieślowski, Andrzej Wajda, Krzysztof Zanussi and Kazimierz Kutz...and with prominent foreign directors..." www.thenews.pl/1/11/Artykul/337350,British-composer-wins-prestigious-Polish-award

April 6 KATOWICE, Concert Hall of National Polish Radio
2018 International Classical Music Awards ICMA
 1800 people attended the 8th Gala concert. Some winners:

- OUTSTANDING YOUNG POLISH ARTIST: Szymon Nehring. Witold Lutoslawski's *Variations on a Theme* by Paganini took benefit from [his] crystal-clear playing ... The performance was absolutely fascinating due to a breathtaking verve in the orchestra as well as in the solo part. "His recent Chopin recordings - pure poetry without any sentimentality."
- CHORAL: The Poznań Philharmonic Orchestra and the Choir of the Podlasie Opera and Philharmonic from Białystok for a two-CD album featuring the *Quo Vadis* oratorio by Feliks Nowowiejski (1887-1946). "...dramatic, fiery, with beautiful lyrical moments." www.icma-info.com/winners-2018/

Lisbon:

May Eurovision 2018 - DJ Gromee b.1978 Kraków performed *Light Me Up* with Lukas Meijer. They didn't go to the finals.

London:

9 Apr COLISEUM, International Opera Awards won by: Tenor Piotr Beczala Rodolfo in the Met's *Luisa Miller* and director Mariusz Treliński of the Teatr Wielki, Warsaw.
1 - 2 May The Philharmonic Orchestra - conducted by Łukasz Borowicz included Violin Concerto No. 2 by Krzysztof Penderecki. The Polish Ministry co-sponsored the concerts.

Warsaw:

Feb Teatr Wielki - The Mazowsze Folk Song & Dance Troupe celebrated their 70 years, and Poland's 100th anniversary.
 *In 2010 Madison's Polish Club took a full bus to the Marcus Center in Milwaukee to see 90 dancers from Mazowsze.

14 Mar National Opera/ Teatr Wielki - 85th birthday of Krystyna Szostek-Radkowa mezzo-soprano, 40 years teacher/ soloist.

15 Mar Museum of Literature Exhibit - Live radio show about Wojciech Młynarski, poet, singer, songwriter (~2,000 songs).

11 Apr Powązki Cemetery - Burial of pianist/ composer Zbigniew Łapiński, 70. He worked with singer, lyricist and poet Jacek Kaczmarski, a bard of Solidarity.

1 May WARSAW, at a home for retired artists - Death of violinist Wanda Wilkomirska 89, graduate of Łódź Music Academy, 22 years Warsaw Philharmonic soloist who premiered works by Grażyna Bacewicz and Krzysztof Penderecki. Due to her protests against human rights violations during the communist era, she was not allowed to perform in Poland until 1990.

12 May - 26 Aug 272 Grochowska St.
 Sinfonia Varsovia Summer Season
<http://www.sinfoniavarsovia.org/en/index.html>

The National Stadium/ The PGE Narodowy -
30 June Beyonce and Jay Z
8 July The Rolling Stones



Polish Fest June 15 - 17

www.polishfest.org Summerfest Grounds, Milwaukee

Polish Fest will celebrate the 100th year of Polish Independence with a special exhibit.

Fri 6 pm The Capuchins' Run Walk for the Hungry

Sun 10 am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Aron Laskiewicz

Entertainment: SqueezeBox with Mollie B & Ted Lange, Polka Country Musicians, The Knewz, John Gora & Gorale, Box On, IPA Tribute Band, The Main Squeeze, The Polish Connection, The Happy Notes, Cynor Classics, Freeze Dried, DynaBrass and The Jeff Winard Band - with Special Guest Joey Miskulin, Steve Meissner

Cultural Village Exhibits: folk artists demonstrating traditional Polish crafts, including wycinanki (paper cutting), pisanki (decorated eggs), wianki (floral head wreaths) more. The Polish sheepdogs and rabbits will also return. The Maly Sklep "little store" with Polish food and other goodies and Polanki's sales tent featuring handmade Polish pottery (Boleslawiec), Christmas ornaments, recipe books and other folk art are located in the Cultural Village.

The Polish Genealogical Soc. and the Milwaukee Co. Genealogical Society will be in a new location, east of the demonstrator tent.

Polish Forum - local historians about Milwaukee and abroad:
Friday, June 15th

2-3 pm Steve Szabados, Genealogy Columnist for the Polish American Journal /Author "Finding Babcia's Grandma - From where did your Polish ancestors leave? What did they do?"

4-5 pm Dr. Neal Pease, Professor of History (UW-Milwaukee) "100 Years of US-Polish Relations, 1918-2018"

Saturday, June 16th

1:30-2:30 pm Dr. Helena Pycior, Professor of History, Emerita (UW-Milwaukee) "Marie Skłodowska Curie's Enduring Relevance: A Century of Celebrations of Her Milestone Years"

2:30-3:30 pm Dr. Donald Pienkos, Professor of History, Emeritus (UW-Milwaukee) and Dr. Neal Pease, Professor of History (UW-M) PANEL DISCUSSION - "A Look Back: The 100th Anniversary of Poland's Rebirth and Its Significance"

3:30-4:30 pm Dr. Donald Pienkos, Professor of History, Emeritus (UW-Milwaukee) "Poland's Rebirth: Three Who Made It Happen: Soldier, Politician, and a Virtuous Pianist"

Sunday June 17th

3 - 4 pm John Gurda, Milwaukee-born writer and historian "The Struggle for Independence in America: Polish Workers and the Eight-Hour Movement of 1886."

Learn to Cook With Flair - demonstrations by local cooks:

Fri 1 pm - Anne Kagerah - Golabki (cabbage roll)

3 pm - James Derdzinski - Paczki

5 pm - Anne Wal - Pierogi w/cheese filling

Sa 1 pm - Ela Wasiewski - Potato Pancakes

3 pm - Michael Krass - Polish Sausage

5 pm - Anne Wal - Pierogi w/mushroom & kraut filling

Su 1 pm - Anne Kagerah - Golabki

3 and 5 pm - TBD

A Gift of Polish Heritage

From Robert Strybel:

Perhaps some of your members might be interested in finding out more about their Polish last names. I am a native of the once Polish suburb of Hamtramck (Detroit), Michigan, earned my MA in Polish Studies at UW-Madison and have spent many years as the Warsaw correspondent for the Polish-American press, working also for Reuters News agency and teaching Polish at different levels to Americans and English to Poles. All the best to you and the PHC membership from Warsaw.

For birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, Mother's/ Father's Day and other family occasions consider:

Why not consider giving a loved one (or yourself) an interesting, unusual and memorable gift of Polish heritage – a custom-researched analysis of their Polish surname. The several-page report will answer the things you may have wondered about: what your last name means, how it originated, how many people use it, where they are from and whether a coat of arms goes with it. If one is found, a full-color image of the crest and an explanation of its origin will be provided. (*Nowak not pictured*)



Kowalski
herbu Ślepowron



Wiśniewski
herbu Trzaska



Kamiński
herbu Prawdzic

NOTE: The formulation "Kowalski herbu Ślepowron" simply identified a Kowalski as belonging to the Noble Clan (or House) of Ślepowron.

You will also get a useful genealogical contact sheet putting you in touch with English-speaking Polish genealogical researchers who can help you track down vital records, create family trees and photograph and/ or videotape family graves and homesteads in Poland or possibly even turn up long-lost relations.

To order a custom-researched surname analysis, please send a \$19 personal or bank (cashier's) check or money order (adding a cut-rate \$13 for each additional surname you wish to have researched) to:

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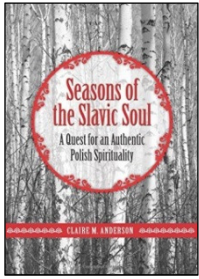
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Books

Seasons of the Slavic Soul: A Quest for an Authentic Polish Spirituality

by **Clare M. Anderson**



The American-born great-granddaughter of Polish immigrants. She lived in Poland from 1992 to 1993 and has visited several times.

ACTA Publications
Paperback: 106 pages
pub. 2017
April 2018 (third printing)

from: <http://actapublications.com/seasons-of-the-slavic-soul/>

Product Description:

"What makes Slavic, and specifically Polish, spirituality unique and compelling today? The rich and long Slavic spiritual tradition holds that everyday holiness thrives on different seasons—through Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter and from consolation to desolation and everything in between. Claire Anderson, of Polish descent and currently the Director of Siena Retreat Center in Wisconsin, explores this tradition and expands it by connecting these seasons to the rhythms and practices in her own Polish cultural tradition and the physical world around her.

Seasons of the Slavic Soul is an ideal companion for both nature retreat and spiritual pilgrimage—or a combination of the two. Drawing on the author's deep engagement through years of travel and research, the book introduces the reader into the vast spiritual and cultural resources within the Polish community and invites awareness of the connections between us human beings and the natural world. It reveals the gift that is at the heart of all life.

Anderson characterizes *Seasons of the Slavic Soul* as "a journey of integration." Readers who join her quest for an authentic Polish spirituality will be well rewarded."

"A deeply rich and yet accessible look at Slavic culture through the lens of spirituality, poetry, art, mythology, and history. Claire Anderson shares stories, traditions, and insights that made my soul leap for joy. In so many ways, this book contains all of our collective stories, regardless of our ethnicity or background. Both profound and yet simple, this gem of a book has something for everyone."

—Julianne Donlon Stanz, Director of New Evangelization, Green Bay
From Fran Salone-Pelletier review..." *calls the reader to a journey "where all is gift and all are interconnected...a voyage worth taking."*

February 1 at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI

Claire Anderson presented SLAVIC SPIRITUALITY as part of the Indigenous Spirituality Series. "The seasons of the Slavic calendar offer profound wisdom for our lives. Whether our genetic memory includes an EastCentral European heritage or we are simply interested in other cultures, this day will explore how we can draw on Slavic spirituality for inspiration for our own lives. Through rich symbolism, presentation, facilitated group sharing, and silent reflection time, this day will include an overview of Slavic spirituality and reflection on the year's solstices and equinoxes and the feasts and fasts in between."

Amending the Past: Europe's Holocaust Commissions and the Right to History

by **Alexander Karn**



UW Press New in Paperback 2017
Originally pub. 2015 336 pp.

"A very important contribution to the interdisciplinary scholarship on the broad theme of reckoning with histories of atrocity."—Bronwyn Leebaw, University of CA

"During the 1990s and early 2000s in Europe, more than fifty historical commissions were created to confront, discuss, and document the genocide of the Holocaust and to address some of its unresolved injustices. *Amending the Past* offers the first in-depth account of these commissions, examining the complexities of reckoning with past atrocities and large-scale human rights violations.

Alexander Karn analyzes more than a dozen Holocaust commissions—in Germany, Switzerland, France, Poland, Austria, Latvia, Lithuania, and elsewhere— in a comparative framework, situating each in the context of past and present politics, to evaluate their potential for promoting justice and their capacity for bringing the perspectives of rival groups more closely together. Karn also evaluates the media coverage these commissions received and probes their public reception from multiple angles.

Arguing that historical commissions have been underused as a tool for conflict management, Karn develops a program for historical mediation and moral reparation that can deepen democratic commitment and strengthen human rights in both transitional regimes and existing liberal states."



Alexander Karn is an associate professor in the Dept. of History at Colgate University. He is the coeditor of *Taking Wrongs Seriously: Apologies and Reconciliation*.

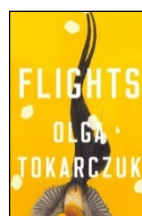
***Wiedźmin/ The Witcher* by Andrzej Sapkowski**



pub. 1986 in *Fantastyka*, a science fiction and fantasy magazine. It was adapted into comic books, films, TV series and many kinds of games. "The witcher - Geralt of Rivia, a mutated monster hunter - struggles to find his place in a world where people often prove more wicked than beasts."

***The Witcher Series* is coming to Netflix**

22 May LONDON, Victoria and Albert Museum -



Olga Tokarczuk won the prestigious Man Booker Prize for "Flights"

"...a novel of linked fragments, from the 17th century to the present day, connected by themes of travel and human anatomy."

In April the book's translator Jennifer Croft won the 2018 Found in Translation Award.

* 2 copies on order by the Madison Public Library.

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Retired?

Polish Connection / where family lived in Poland:

1 USD = 3.70 Złoty **IN THE NEWS** various sources

POLAND - Unemployment: 6.3% in April, 1.04 million people.

29 Mar 6 YR. SENTENCE - For a "going blind little Anthony" con that defrauded > 5,500 people of PLN 500,000 (EUR 120,000).

6 Apr DIRTY MONEY SEIZED "unprecedented" nearly PLN 1.3 billion (~USD 380 million) in suspect funds/ ?drug trade.

9 Apr One in four Polish millennials are struggling with debt.

12 Apr STOP SMOG PLAN - 33 of Europe's 50 most polluted cities in Poland. PM Morawiecki plans to spend PLN 30 bil.

27 Apr SEIZED - 48.5 tons of tobacco and ~2.8 mil. cigarettes.

2 May THE NEW EU BUDGET - 8-10 bil. less to Poland than now.

9 May PRESIDENT TRUMP - Signed the "Justice for Uncompensated Survivors Today (JUST) Act". Many say it isn't just.

21 May YOU TUBE VIDEO "Nasz Chleb Powszedni / Our Daily Bread" aims to inspire tolerance. Each bread loaf is wrapped with a photo and information about the person who baked it.

27 May PARLIAMENT - Parents of disabled adults ended their 40 days occupation protest. Some of their demands were met.

2018 - 14 June-15 July FIFA WORLD CUP IN RUSSIA:

19 June MOSCOW, Spartak Stadium - Poland vs Senegal

24 June KAZAN, Kazan Arena - Poland vs Colombia

28 June VOLGOGRAD, Volgograd Arena - Poland vs Japan

2019 - 25 May-16 June FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP IN POLAND

8 Mar ROME, Symposium of Catholic Women - Speakers: author/theologian Zuzanna Radzik (Warsaw Theology graduate).

22 Mar KARG ISLAND, Iran - A tanker with 130,000 tons of Iranian oil left. 13 Apr arrived Gdansk, then oil goes to Płock. CZARNOWO, north PL - Funeral of Jerzy Zurek 108, a founder of local fire brigade, veteran Battle of Bzura, in POW camp.

13 Apr THE HAGUE, The Netherlands - Aleksandra Kwaśnik from the Gen. Sosabowski School won the Polish spelling contest.

WARSAW, the Presidential Palace - Yellow tulips honored First Lady Maria Kaczyńska, who died in the '10 Smolensk crash.

15 Apr TATRA NA. PARK - The Hocus Crocus campaign teaches tourists to protect the purple crocus flowers. 70,000 visitors came to the Chochołowska Valley in one weekend in 2017.

28 Apr KRAKOW, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy - Hanna Helena Chrzanowska is the first lay registered nurse to be beatified.

5 May COAL MINE, Jastrzebie-Zdroj near Czech Rep. - 250 in the mine when a 3.4 earthquake hit. 2 dead, 3 missing.

CA, Vandenberg AFB - Launch to Mars of a Polish-built robot.

8 May OSCAR WINNER ROMAN POLANSKI - Is suing the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for expelling him.

9 May A2 btw. WARSAW-POZNAŃ ~12 tons of liquid chocolate spilled onto the road after a tanker overturned.

WARSAW, National Stadium ~PLN 300,000 damage to ~100 seats from flares and vandalizing during the Polish Cup final.

10 May SKYSCRAPER AWARD - Polish Skyshester.zip is a compressed building transported via helicopters to disasters.

11 May MŁAWA (cen. PL), Primary School~130 children evacuated, 16 hospitalized for fainting and vomiting - a poisoning?

JERSEY CITY, NJ - After protests, the Katyn Memorial won't be removed, but will be relocated near the Hudson River.

13 May WARSAW -Thousands marched chanting "freedom, equality, democracy.... we will take down the dictatorship".

17-19 May USA - President Duda chaired a UN Security Council debate. He met Poles in NY and Chicago's Millennium Park.

29 June ROME, The Vatican - Archbishop Konrad Krajewski b.1963 Łódź, is one of 14 prelates due to become a cardinal.