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#### President Obama in Poland in June From White House Office of the Press Secretary:

"As part of the United States' ongoing consultations with our allies, President Obama will travel to Poland, Belgium, and France in June 2014. While in Warsaw, the President will hold bilateral meetings and join other world leaders in commemorating the Polish Day of Freedom, marking the 25th anniversary of Poland's emergence from Communism...."

# An Appeal by the President of the Republic of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski:

"On 4 June 1989, we defeated communism. On 4 June 2014, it will be a quarter of a century since that memorable day...4 June 1989 represents a triumph of solidarity and courage over doubt and political isolation. ..."

This month there are many ways to commemorate our Polish heritage.....

June 15 reservations due for June 21 Sat. 1-4 WORKSHOP: *MIDSUMMER WIANKI FESTIVAL* 



Wreath floating is Krakow's summer-solstice tradition. FROM: http://www.krakow-info.com/folk.htm

The days of solstices between seasons have been a time of celebration and festivities since ancient times in Poland. The summer solstice, the longest day of light of the year is especially important. Bonfires are built the night before to dispel the darkness of the winter season. Since the 19th century, the midsummer festival has been a symbol of patriotism. Today, large festivals are held with wianki contests, music, theater and fireworks. Wreaths (wianki) will be created of flowers and herbs in this workshop. Wianki can be worn on many occasions. A \$10 donation for materials suggested.

1320 Mendota St. Madison

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Gloria + Wianki 2013 Parade. J/J Dunn photo



May 31 House Concert Schubert & Chopin 7:30 pm Trevor Stephenson will play Chopin's F minor Ballade op. 52. 5729 Forsythia, Madison. Admission \$40. Light refreshments served. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED trevor@trevorstephenson.com (608) 238-6092

### June 6 First Fri Polish Club Breakfast 9 am

Monona Gardens, 6501 Bridge Road, Monona And the Summer Parades are coming! Please call for a ride or to participate in the parades. Also: Barbara Lomperski has a Polish Costume for a girl of about 6 or 8 years of age. (608) 238-9189 Lomperskifamily2@yahoo.com

> MILWAUKEE June 13-15 Polish Fest America's largest Polish festival



Due to website difficulties...new deadline: June 15 Polish Club Scholarship deadline The Polish Heritage Club of WI–Madison will again award a scholarship to a student pursuing secondary education. The applicant must be of verifiable Polish ancestry OR studying Polish language, history, society, or culture, OR signifycantly engaged with Polish culture. CONTACT: Linda Cagle (608) 244-2788 lindacagle@att.net

Aug 1-3 Quo Vadis 2014 1st time in Madison!

National conference for Polonia students/young professionals. Locally organized by Madison Polish Student Assoc.

www.qvmadison.org



### Aug 24 PHCWI Annual PHCWI Picnic

Lakeview Park E.Pavilion, Middleton The park has a big play area and a Splash Pad. Bring children and grandchildren, family and friends! Details in July newsletter. If you would like to help, contact John Hagen (414) 640-4031 johnhagen25@gmail.com



# 2014 Polish Related Events Madison & others:

**1st Friday** 9 am PHCWI 1st Friday Breakfast, (608) 238-9189, Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd 1st Sunday 5 pm Mass in Polish - Fr. Bruno Slodowski, St. Cecilia's, (608) 254-8381, 603 Oak St, WI Dells May 31 Sat 7:30 pm Chopin and Schubert Concert, RES. REQ. trevor@trevorstephenson.com or (608) 238-6092

In 2012 a Catholic - Orthodox group began a campaign in support of life and family. A Black Madonna icon was blessed by the Archbishop of Czestochowa. It traveled across Europe, is now in America, then goes to Latin America. www.hli.org/hli campaigns/ocean-ocean-pilgrimage/ May 24-26, Winona, MN May 31-June 1 Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, LaCrosse June 16 Lumen Christi Church, Meguon June 13 St. John the Baptist Church, Marshfield June 17 Basilica of Na Shrine of Mary, Holy Hill, Hubertus June 14-15 Sacred Heart Church, Polonia June 18 Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Champion



June 1 - Aug 1 Mini Show Traditional Papercrafts including Polish wyncinanki and nalepianki, Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd June 15 RES.DUE June 21 Sat. 1-4 pm, Workshop: Midsummer Wianki Festival

June 6-14 **SOLD OUT** Madison Burkhalter Travel's Jewels of Poland (800) 556-9286 Aug 1-3 Quo Vadis 2014 in Madison: Polonia students/ young professionalswww.qvmadison.org Aug 12 Tue 7 pm PHCWI Book Club at Kasia's (608) 836-8632, The Auschwitz Volunteer Aug 24 Sun PHCWI Annual Picnic Lakeview Park, 6300 Mendota Ave, Middleton **October Polish American Heritage Month Events** 



Oct 13 RES.DUE Oct. 18 Sat. 1-4 pm, Workshop: Harvest Celebration Dozynki, UW-Madison Polish Film Festival Nov/Dec Nov 8 Sat PHCWI Christmas Bazaar Dec 6 Sat PHCWI Wigilia



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Celebrate Wisconsin Folklife 10 am-5 pm May 31 - June 1, 2014 AND June 7-8 Old World Wisconsin W372 S9727 Hwy 67 Eagle, WI 53119-9503

Enjoy music, dance, storytelling, food and crafts that celebrate the rich folk traditions that make WI unique. View or download a schedule of events for both Celebrate Wisconsin Folklife weekends.

Enjoy Ron Rutkowski and Polish favorites on the accordion, Celtic Harp, Bavarian Dancer, Ballet Folklorico and others. The Cultural Tent will have craft demos, visit with clubs of different nationalities and the Clausing Barn Café themed ethnic meals. Old World Wisconsin documents the settlement of 19th- and early 20th-century Wisconsin. It comprises an 1870s crossroads village and 10 ethnic farmsteads located on 576 acres of wooded hills in the Southern Unit of Kettle Moraine State Forest. Visit the Polish Kruza House that was moved to Old World from Hofa Park (Shawano County). "Built of pieces of stovewood laid in a bed of motar, the structure sheltered an elderly immigrant couple. An attached room held their chickens. ..."

# CHURCH PICNICS IN POLISH PORTAGO CO. WI AND OTHERS

FROM: Stevens Pt Area Convention & Visitors Bureau: www.stevenspointarea.com/ + Ruth Lietz's polkaruth@hotmail.com July 25-26-27, St Florian Parish Picnic, Hatley June 6-8, St Joseph, Stevens Point June 14-15, St Peter's, Stevens Point July 27, St Stan's, Stevens Point Aug 3, St Adalbert's, Rosholt June 22, St Anne's, Wausau June 28-29 St Ladislaus Parish, Bevent Aug 9-10, St Therese Parish Picnic, Rothschild July 6, St Mary of Mount Carmel- Fancher, Amherst Aug 10, St Bartholomew's, Mill Creek Stevens Point July 13, St Bronislava Festival, Plover Aug 17, Sacred Heart, Polonia Custer July 19-20, St Mary's-Torun, Stevens Point Aug 24, St Mary's, Arnott Drive the Polish Heritage Trail: pchswi.org/archives/townships/heritagetrail.html

Milwaukee: www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/index.php/events/ June 13-15, Polish Fest, Summerfest Grounds Oct 12, Polanki's Soup Festival, Norway House Nov 21-23, Holiday Folk Fair, WI State Fair Park Polish Center of Wisconsin 6941 S 68th St. Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140 AMERICA'S LARGEST POLISH FESTIVAL July 11, Polish Beer Tasting + Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Sept 14, Mushroom Madness, co-sponsored by the WI Mycological Soc. **Chicago:** http://polishbuzz.com/ May 4 - July 3, Martin Scorsese: Masterpieces of Polish Cinema Aug 29 - Sept 1, Taste of Polonia, Copernicus Center Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. (773) 384-3352 June 1 Ceremony of closing & opening of Pope JP II exhibits + films 3 pm June 10 Opening of exhibit: 70th Anniversary Struggles of Polish Armed Forces in the West 3 pm





# **CLUB and MEMBER NEWS**

#### SUNSHINE CORNER! Stoneczny Kącik

You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries. Sto lat! 6/10 James C. Martin, 6/14 Gerald Dunn, 6/20 Angela Jakacki Wedding Anniversaries: 6/5 Dennis/Elaine Schenborn 6/11John/Darlene Gaska, 6/17 Corina Rios Jackson

**Apologies to Alia Butor** for misspelling her first name on page 1 of the 5/14 issue. The website version will be correct. Our sympathies to **Diane Michalski Turner**, whose mother Mary E. Michalski, age 97, passed away in Chicago April 26. **Thank you to Kasia Tomczak**, new Facebook administrator.

**Recent BOD meetings:** Due to closing of the West Side Club, the Bazaar will be at the Knights of Columbus, Verona Rd. Discussed: committee appts, the scholarship, future events.

Jessica Bowden was featured in the May 20 WI STATE JOURNAL's 'Prep Profile.' She is the granddaughter of club founders Zofia and Henry Kubinski, daughter of Dan and Meg - and she listed the Polish Club among her memberships. A Madison East Senior, Jessica is a four-time letter and conference honors winner in softball, basketball, volleyball & rowing. Quick quote: "Competing in sports has taught me how to work with all kinds of personalities and that those who work hard are often rewarded. Nothing is a given." She plans to attend the UW and compete in crew for the Badgers. Best wishes, Jessica!

#### Dziękuję to Tom Wosikowski and Patricia Stone

for sharing their musical skills! Due to their playing at our Spring Festival, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish asked them to play at their Memorial Day event AND due to the story and their pictures in the WI STATE JOURNAL, they received a request from a Care Center to perform, and to share "the joys of the Polish Heritage with our residents."



#### August 12 PHCWI BOOK CLUB 7 pm The Auschwitz Volunteer: Beyond Bravery by Witold Pilecki pub. 2012

Kasia Krzyzostaniak is hostess at 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton (608) 836-8632. Please call ahead so she can set up chairs. Our S. Central Library System has 3 copies.

"Sept. 1940. Polish Army officer Witold Pilecki deliberately walked into a Nazi German street round-up in Warsaw and became Auschwitz Prisoner No. 4859. He had volunteered for a secret undercover mission: smuggle out intelligence about the new German concentration camp, and build a resistance organization among prisoners. Pilecki's clandestine intelligence, received by the Allies in 1941, was among the earliest. He escaped in 1943 after accomplishing his mission. Dramatic eyewitness report, written in 1945 for Pilecki's Polish Army superiors, published in English for first time." - amazon.com

YouTube: Hx Channel "Heroes of the War: Poland" Witold Pilecki

A docudrama staring actor Marcin Kwasny as Witild Pilecki is planned for a fall 2014 release. Pilecki (b.1901 Olonets, Russia d.1948 Warsaw) was a member of the 211th Uhlan Regiment when he fought in the 1920 Battle of Warsaw. During WWII he was a cavalry-platoon commander. Director Miroslaw Krzyszkowski will use interviews with Pilecki's descendants so that viewers can learn about the family "that shaped him as a man, a citizen and a soldier."

#### POLANKI scholarships to UW-Madison students:

NELLIE BARAN MEMORIAL AWARD <u>Michal Leszek Miernowski</u>, Economics (honors), Mathematics, French (B.A.) RITA AND EDWARD MICHALAK AWARD <u>Katherine Rose</u> <u>Hayes</u>, Environmental Studies and Geoscience (B.A.) GEORGE NIEMCZYCKI MEMORIAL AWARD <u>Marta Sylwia</u> Studnicka, UW-Madison, Biochemistry and Polish (B.A.)

Kosciuszko Foundation's Collegium of Eminent Scientists Professor W. Szybalski, a member of the PHCWI, and two others from Wisconsin, were elected to the new group: <u>Waclaw Szybalski</u>, Professor Emeritus of Oncology, McArdle

Laboratory for Cancer Research UW Medical School and Foreign Member of the Polish Academy of Sciences <u>Marcin S.Filutowicz</u>, Professor Bacteriology, UW- Madison <u>Malgorzata B.Franczak</u> Prof. Neurology, Medical College WI. The Foundation's April announcement stated, 'The brilliance of Polish scientists such as Nicolaus Copernicus and Maria Sklodowska-Curie are known world-wide, but there are hundreds of eminent scholars of Polish origin and ancestry living and working in the United States." "The goals are: • To honor eminent scientists of Polish origin and ancestry

• To honor eminent scientists of Polish origin and ancestry who have achieved recognition in the USA.

• To recognize, highlight and publicize their achievements and contributions to the respective fields of science. Significant achievements by Polish scientists will be provided to news media and made accessible through the Internet.

• To identify, record, and catalogue eminent Polish scientists & scientists of Polish descent residing in America. This compendium will be of interest to future historians in Poland and elsewhere, and to Polish organizations in the United States."

Founded in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation promotes closer ties between Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges.

### May 10 Portage Co. Cultural Festival, Stevens Point

Thank you to members who shared their enjoyment of Poland. The kids love to get their passport stamped, an enjoyable time!



Karleen Tyksinski, John Hagen, Linda Cagle - Food/ Merchandise.Linda Cagle - photos.Butch Luick, Ralph Tyksinski - Chefs.Marie & Jo Revolinski, Jane Dunn - Jewelry and Misc. Sales

Music from Poland in our South Central Library System www.scls.info Donated by the musicians and Mad-Pol K.A. For updates contact Szymon Wozniczka 608-577-3897 szymon2005@sbcglobal.net

**Overture Center 2015: Feb.13, 14, 15: Íngrid Fliter**, Agentinian pianist, and the Madison Symphony Orchestra will play Chopin's *Concerto No. 2 for Piano*, John DeMain, conductor. GET SINGLE/SEASON TICKETS. NEW SUBSCRIBERS SAVE 50%

# GENEALOGY

# POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA®

•CHICAGO - Polish Genealogical Society of America (PSGA) <u>STILL TIME</u> May 1 - 31 Membership Promotion "*WHY WAIT*? MAY be you're thinking about your family's roots! MAY be you're wondering if grandma's stories are really true! MAY be you're thinking Polish research is difficult! We can help you research. Join now, and as a NEW MEMBER receive a free copy of our Research Packet—31 pages packed with information to get you started......." www.pgsa.org/ PGSA 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60642-4101

Stephen Szabados's May 2014 POLISH AMERICAN JOURNAL

"Genealogy" column told about the **PGSA's website's**  *Compendium of Polish Digital Web Sites* → *Digitized Polish Vital Records* It's a listing of 46 sites under these headings -<u>National Sites</u>: eg. Genealodzy.PL, Poznan Marriage Index <u>Austrian Partition Sites</u>: eg. city of Lemberg/Lwow <u>German Partition Sites</u>: acquired late 18th century by Prussia. <u>Russian Partition Sites</u>: provinces of Grodno, Kalicz, Kielce, Lublin, Lodz, Lomza, Plock, Radom, Siedlce, and Suwalki. Szabados authored: *Polish Genealogy: Four Steps to Success, Finding Grandma's European Ancestors, Polish Genealogy.* 

• Dane Co. Area Genealogical Society www.dcags.org/ June 5 TOPIC: Free online resources that you can access from home or at your library. PRESENTER: Patricia Skubis, who teaches many genealogy classes. WHERE: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4505 Regent St. Madison

~ 2 hours from Madison in Illinois:

• June 7 NW Suburban Council of Genealogists

**www.nwscg.com/** Senior Center, 1800 W. Central Rd, Arlington Hts. TOPIC: *From land records to google earth: Mapping your family's place.* PRESENTER: Jane Haldeman

#### • June 14 The North Suburban Genealogical Soc.

http://nsgsil.org Northbrook History Museum, 1776 Walters Avenue, Northbrook. "Guests welcome & invited to bring a friend, enjoy refreshments. TOPIC: *Excel, The Genealogist's Underutilized Tool* PRESENTER: Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG.

**Robert Strybel in the May 2014 PAJ** "Surname Corner" wrote "incorrect but customary equivalents" of Polish first names: Pearl for Pelagia, Bernice for Bronisałwa, Harriet for Jadwiga, Walter for Władysław and Chester for Czesław. For a \$16 airmailed check he will do a custom-researched analysis of your Polish last name, \$7 for each additional. Robert Strybel ulica Kaniowska 24, 01-529, Warsaw, Poland.

# **POLAND ANNIVERSARIES**

**The Cold War** From 1972-81 Col. Ryszard Kukliński (b.1930 Warsaw, d. 2004 Tampa, FLA) passed secret Warsaw Pact documents to the CIA. The over 40,000 pages contained information about Russia's weapons and plans for martial law. After his escape, a Warsaw military court sentenced him to death. U.S. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and others urged for his pardon. In 1995 the sentence was cancelled, the court said he acted under special circumstances. In April 1998, Kukliński made his first return visit to Poland. He told reporters, "I love this time of the year, and I want to see lilacs, and carry some to the grave of my mother." His full pardon remains controversial. Lech Wałęsa refused, and in a 2014 poll: 33% called him a hero, 9% traitor, 37% undecided.



The third film about the Colonel was released in Feb. 2014. His role is played by Marcin Dorocinski *Róza* (2011) and *Spies of Warsaw* (2013 TV Mini-Series). *Jack Strong* (his CIA name) used new material from the CIA, eye-witnesses and the Polish Institute of Na. Remembrance archives. Our South Central Library one copy of Benjamin Weiser's A Secret Life: The Polish Officer, His Covert Mission, and the Price He Paid to Save His Country.

**25 years the end of Communism** President Obama will be in Poland on June 4th for the 25th Anniversary of the first partly free election since the end of WWII. In 1989 after the "round table" talks, voters could elect 35% (161 seats) in the 460-member lower house of Parliament. The other seats were already decided by the communists. Later in 1989, for the first time in 40 years, Poland had a non-communist Prime Minister, journalist/Solidarity activist Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

In 2014 President Bronislaw Komorowski will present the first 'Solidarity Prize' by Poland's Foreign Ministry to Crimean Tatar leader Mustafa Dzhemilev. It is given to someone "who is guided by the principles of interpersonal and international solidarity" and who makes "a visible and real contribution to the introduction, strengthening or defense of democracy."

#### 15 years member of NATO 1999

Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf welcomed foreign diplomats and their military attaches to Washington D.C.'s Embassy of the Republic of Poland. Undersecretary of State Boguslaw Winid's remarks included the Ukraine situation.



#### 10 years of Poland in EU 2004

On May 1, Poles celebrated the anniversary at official ceremonies, cultural events and picnics.

**22-25 May** - Over 400 million Europeans were eligible to vote in the elections for 751 Members of the European Parliament MEPs.

**25 May** - After Poland's vote, Prime Minister Donald Tusk's Civic Platform and former PM Jaroslaw Kaczynski's Lawand-Justice each have 19 MEP's of Poland's 51 seats.



# **RECENT EVENTS** in Madison unless noted



<u>April 7-8</u> OCONOMOWOC and KENOSHA: *Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy* Actress Maria Vargo presented the multimedia drama - the story of the Polish nun's visions of Jesus in Krakow in the 1930's.

Also available: *Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz* "..stunning live performance by actor Leonardo Defilippis reveals the fearless defense of religious & moral freedom & life itself in this battle of cosmic proportions."*ww.stlukeproductions.com/* 

In September 2012 at UW-Madison's Chazen Museum of Art, Photocomposer Ryszard Horowitz spoke at PHOTOMIDWEST www.photomidwest.org/horowitz.html

April 30 KRAKOW, PL Ryszard Horowitz, renowned US-



based photographer and Holocaust survivor, was made an honorary citizen. A few minutes into his acceptance speech, he stopped and said with emotion, "I love Krakow, a city which brings back the memories of my early years. I carry inside me the atmosphere of the town... and I never miss an opportunity to come here. As soon as I arrive I go to the

Market Square to check if the tower

Wikimedia C photo

*Franciszek Vetulani* of St Mary's Church is still there, and to listen to the bugle call. And then I proceed on a nostalgic walk around old Kazimierz], ending with a meal of carp, served Jewish style. Krakow will remain forever in my heart as the most captivating and magical place in the world."

Born in Krakow in May 1939, he was 4 months old when he and his family were sent to Nazi concentration camps. When Auschwitz was liberated in 1945, he was one of the youngest known survivors. His family returned to Krakow, where he grew up with Roma Ligocka and Roman Polanski, & attended the Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts. In 1959 he immigrated to the U.S. and studied in NY City. A pioneer of special effects prior to digital photography, he has updated his techniques as photography changed. Pianist Dave Brubeck said Horowitz's photos "capture the enthusiasm and warmth" his Quartet felt from audiences all over Poland. Horowitz said, "... jazz, later on Rock 'n' Roll and pop, it brought young people together and initiated this notion of tearing down the wall."

After 26 years, this was Jeffrey Siegel's last Madison appearance. <u>May 6</u> Mills Hall, UW-Madison: Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations<sup>®</sup> Mistresses and Masterpieces explained how Chopin, Schumann, Brahms, and Liszt all had their hearts stolen and/or broken. He played Chopin's Polonaise in A-Flat.

Jeffrey Siegel Keyboard Conversations<sup>®</sup> - YouTube ▶ 4:09 www.youtube.com/watch?v... Chopin's Polonaise in A-Flat, Op. 53

#### May 8 UW-Madison Marquee Theater: Glass Lips

Polish Filmmaker Lech Majewski's award winning film was presented for free by the WI Union's Avant Garde Program. It premiered at NYC's Museum of Modern Art in 2006.



"Glass Lips' is the story of a young poet at odds with himself and with the world. After the death of his mother ...the young poet finds himself shut away in a psychiatric ward. From his isolation he sees his mother, his violent father's lovers. Through this process of remembering, the visions overlap & communicate with one another, continually asking the viewer to develop a new method of interpretation."

Majewski, b. Katowice 1953, studied at the National Film School in Łódź. His film *The Mill and the Cross,* was inspired by Bruegel's painting *The Procession to Calvary*.

#### May 12 Kosciuszko Park, MILWAUKE Celebrating Kosciuszko - The Man & Our Community

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Teachers at Kosciuszko Montessori School & MTEC Ameri-Corps sponsored the events: a blood donor drive, children's games, "bring picnic food to share" and "Get to know Thaddeus Kosciuszko (Kohs-CHOO-sko): SON of Poland, VOLUNTEER to Gen. G. Washington, ENGINEER of West Point, HERO of two continents, and "THE TRUEST SON OF LIBERTY" -Thomas Jefferson. "Orginally Polish, the "Kozy Park" area is now a community of diverse immigrant groups. Powitanie! Bienvenidos! Welcome!"

May 17 St. Maximillian Kolbe Church, MILWAUKEE

**Polish Mass - Poles in the Battle of Monte Cassino** Fr. Jacek Walkiewicz said a Polish Mass in memory of the Poles who fought in the 1944 Battle in southern Italy. General Władysław Anders led the troops that raised their flag over the ruins of the famous monastery. "The Red Poppies on Monte Cassino" was composed on the eve of the battle.

<u>19 May</u> - Jordan Park, Krakow - A statue of Wojtek the beerdrinking bear, mascot of the 22nd Artillery Company, was erected to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino. The park also has a bust of Wojtek's commander General Anders. The bear died in 1963 at Edinburgh Zoo.

\*COMING SOMETIME TO MADISON'S SUNDANCE CINEMAS \* <u>April 26</u> US RELEASE DATE OF *The Immigrant* In 1921...



"Ewa Cybulski (Marion Cotillard) and her sister Magda sail to New York from their native Poland in search of a new start and the American dream. When they reach Ellis Island, doctors discover that Magda is ill, and the two women are separated. Alone, with nowhere to turn and desperate to reunite with Magda, Ewa quickly falls prey to Bruno (Joaquin

Phoenix), a charming, wicked man." Director James Gray based the story on his immigrant grandparents. Cotillard memorized 20 pages of Polish dialogue in 2 months.

# **Polish Youth Leadership Conferences**

#### Aug 1-3, UW-Madison

Please spread the word about this important Polonia event, and consider making a donation! See Sponsorship Levels and updated list of speakers: www.qvmadison.org/ facebook.com/QuoVadisMadison ALL DONATIONS WELCOME!

1)-on-line OR 2)-mail to: Quo Vadis Madison 2014 c/o Marta Studnicka 502N Frances St. Apt.309 Madison 53703



"Quo Vadis Madison 2014 brings together young professionals and students of Polish descent or with other connections to Poland for a weekend of intensive leadership building and networking. Lying between significant Polish-American communities in Chicago, Milwaukee, & the Twin Cities, Madison, WI is an ideal location to explore the universal Quo Vadis values of Heritage, Leadership,

and Unity. The conference will be organized in (large) part by the Polish Student Association, UW-Madison. With a renewed focus on problem-solving skills applied to contemporary Polonia issues, Quo Vadis Madison continues the U.S. chapter of the Quo Vadis International vision for excellence and unity in the Polish diaspora.

Our conference's motto is "Back to the Future" in order to capture the theme of innovation. Choosing to hold Quo Vadis in Madison, WI represents our committee's commitment to flexibility and holding a spirit of constant improvement. We would like to incorporate this spirit in our conference and provide an atmosphere where participants are encouraged to think of unique ways to approach issues important to Polonia today. Sometimes, the key to future success can be found in a retreat of thoughtful reflection; by rethinking the basics and how we approach them, we can resolve even the most insurmountable problems. An emphasis on creative problem solving & a renewal of how we wish to develop Quo Vadis will be the central focus for our committee.

> Marta Studnicka, Chairman Sebastian Skarbek, Vice chair Aleks Cianciara, Treasurer Patrycja Wadolowska, Program Director Patrick Peczerski, Delegate Director Lukasz Kowalik, Social Media Representative Natalia Chreptowicz, Sponsorship Director Maciek Kazula, Accommodations Liaison Artur Prusak, Event Coordinator Paulina Okreglak, Registration and Delegate Liaison.

#### SPEAKERS AS OF THIS PRINTING:

<u>Waldemar Biniecki</u>, Past-Pres. PAC WI, Biniecki Consulting <u>Maciek Fibrich</u>, Director of RTO Management Group Pty Ltd. <u>Joanna Heidtman</u>, Psychologist, sociologist, trainer, coach <u>Dr. Thaddeus Radzilowski</u>, Historian, President Piast Institute <u>Prof. Lt. Col. Walter Percha</u>l, York Univ, Disaster Management <u>Wanda Urbanska</u>, President of the Jan Karski Foundation <u>Dr. Mark Pienkoś</u>, Pres. WI Div. Polish American Congress. July 24 - Aug 3 Banff Park Lodge, Alberta



Calgary-based lawyer Tony Muszynski "wanted to bring together young people curious about Poland with some of the best authorities on Polish history and culture, and put them in a beautiful setting where they could talk, listen, and make friends." In 2004 over 100 attended that first *Poland in the Rockies*. Speakers included: Norman Davies, Tamara Trojanowska, Bill Johnston, Historian Anna Cienciala, film director Krzysztof Zanussi. *The PitR 2014 Speakers are:* 

<u>Bill Johnston</u> has translated works by Magdalena Tulli and Wiesław Myśliwski; contemporary poetry by Tadeusz Różewicz, Eugeniusz Tkaczyszyn-Dycki, and Tomasz Różycki; earlier 20th-century authors Witold Gombrowicz; "classics" by Stefan Żeromski, Jan Kochanowski and Juliusz Słowacki.

<u>Mieczysław Biskupski</u>, historian, political scientist at Central State, CT. and President of Polish Institute of Arts & Sciences in America. His most recent book *Hollywood's War on Poland*.

<u>Marek Suszko</u>, Polish-American historian, teaches Polish and European history at Loyola University Chicago. He book is tentatively titled *Building a Socialist Nation: Stalinist Poland...* 

<u>Wojtek Ziemilski</u>, theatre director and visual artist, is "the hot new name of Warsaw theater" and "the rising star of Polish culture." His "Small Narration" (2009), will be performed.

<u>Andrew Kureth</u>, American journalist, has lived in Poland since 2001. From 2007-2013 he was Editor-in-Chief of the Warsaw Business Journal, and has reported for many global media.

<u>Łukasz Wodzyński</u> teaches at the University of Toronto. "His research focuses on the intersection of popular culture and modernism in Polish and Russian literature as well as genre studies and pop-cultural representations of history."

Special Guests: Agnes Gruda, journalist at the Montreal daily newspaper La Presse, who was in Ukraine at the beginning of 2014, will discuss her international reporting experiences. Paul Kunigis, singer/songwriter/pianist, attended Catholic/ French school in the Arab city of Jaffa.

"Poland in the Rockies is a ten-day seminar of Polish studies held in Banff, Canada. The program is in English to make it accessible to North American students who are interested in Polish history and culture as well as contemporary Poland. All qualified students receive a full scholarship to attend provided they are able to travel to Calgary...a collegial experience based on the notion that knowing where you come from gives you a better sense of where you are going. Through the lens of Polish history and culture, the PitR academic experience provides individuals with insight into the factors that shape identity, ethnic diversity and the cultural fabric of a society. By drawing on this understanding and the friendships that they forge, PitR alumni return to their communities with an increased ability to serve the broader good."

# Masters of Polish Cinema - Chicago

May 4-July, Gene Siskel Film Center, 3164 N. State St. Martin Scorsese was invited to Łódź in 2011 by Andrzej Wajda. He prepared 17 Polish films from 1957- 1987 for a tour of N.America. See more info/watch trailers/get SUNDAY DOUBLE-BILL DISCOUNT: siskelfilmcenter.org/polish\_cinema\_2014

\*4 STAR VIDEO, 449 State St. has 26 Polish videos.\*Many films are available at our South Central Library.

### Jun 1 Sun. 3pm, June 4 Wed. 6pm CAMOUFLAGE



(BARWY OCHRONNE) 1976, K.Zanussi, 100 min. "... an idealistic junior faculty member, and a Machiavellian professor who attaches himself to the younger man--perhaps to destroy him."

### June 1 Sun. 5pm, June 2 Mon. 6pm THE CONSTANT FACTOR



(CONSTANS) 1980, K.Zanussi, 90 min. "... a young electrician yearns for the purity of mathematics and the remote Himalayan peaks where his father, a noted mountainclimber, died ..."

### June 8 Sun. 3 pm, June 9 Mon. 6 pm INNOCENT SORCERERS (NIEWINNI CZARODZIEJE)

1960, A. Wajda, "... a snapshot of disaffected Polish youth in 1960... a blasé Warsaw doctor & a fetching out-of-towner meet in smoky jazz club.."



## June 8 Sun. 4:45, June 12 Thu 7:45 THE WEDDING (WESELE)



1973, Andrzej Wajda, 107 min. Based on Stanislaw Wyspianski's 1900 play, phantasmagoric journey through Polish myth, a marriage between a poet and a peasant..."

### Jun 15 Sun. 3 pm, June 16 Mon. 6 NIGHT TRAIN

**(POCIAG)** 1959, Jerzy Kawalerowicz, 98 min. "Not only one of the best Polish movies of all time... A train sets out from Lodz to the seaside, and a fugitive wife-killer may be on board."



#### June 15 Sun. 5, June 18 Wed. 7:45 MOTHER JOAN OF THE ANGELS (MATKA JOANNA OD ANIOLOW)



1960, J.Kawalerowicz, 110 min. "One of the greatest horror movies of all time... a cleric is sent to a remote convent - a priest has been burned at the stake."



June 22 Sun. 3 pm, June 25 Wed. 6 pm TO KILL THIS LOVE (TRZEBA ZABIC TE MILOSC) 1972, Janusz Morgenstern, 96 min. ... biting social criticism... young lovers struggle to scrape together enough money.



June 22 Sun. 5 pm, June 23 Mon. 7:45 THE ILLUMINATION (ILUMINACJA) 1972, K. Zanussi, 92 min. Franciszek...enters college, embraces physics, climbs mountains and seeks answers in religion.

# Polish Fest - Milwaukee

#### June 13-15, Henry W. Maier Festival Park, 200 N.Harbor Dr.

"Witamy! Come experience America's largest Polish festival. It will bring you as close to Poland as possible without crossing the Atlantic. Polish Fest 2014 has everything from classic Polish cuisine, a Cultural Village where you can learn about typical Polish lifestyle or the Sukiennice Marketplace where you can find a piece of Polish tradition and take it home with you. 5 stages of entertainment, Cooking Demons, Folk Arts, Polish Forums (talks about Poland), Polanki Library Book Sale, Children's Activity Area, Sukiennice Marketplace, Chopin Youth Piano Competition, Sobieski Vodka Lounge, Tyskie Beer Garden, Chess Competition, Dancing, Polish Sheepdogs, Sat. Fireworks, Sun. Mass, , and of course ...food."

**Tickets:** \$10 adv./\$12 Senior (55+) \$10.00 Children 15 & under: FREE with Adult FREE Active/Veterans with a military ID Parking Lots & Shuttle Service



#### Part of the schedule:

FRI. 50¢ Noon-5 pm, \$5 from 5:01pm - MN12:00 Grazyna Auguscik, 5 pm Easter Seals walkSAT. FREE 7 pm -MN donate 3 items to Hunger Task Force

SUN. 9:30-11:59 am \$4 ADM.4-6 pm FREE- Dads with child.
10 am Prelude. Readings & music in Polish & English.
10:15 am Catholic Mass
1 pm Syrena/Syrenka Polish Folk Dance Ensembles
3 pm 16th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition

Entertainment:76 Juliet-WIPolka Country Musicians-CTAndy Fenus-PASqueezebox w/Mollie B-OHBill Gula & Polish Image-ILThe Boys-MDChad Przybylski--WIThe Polka Family Band-PAJimmy K & Ethnic Jazz-OHThe Knewz-NYJimmy Sturr & HIs Orchestra-NYJohn Gora/Gorale-CanadaNorm Dombrowski's The Happy Notes-WIChris Caffery of Savatage and Trans-Siberian OrchestraCold Sweat & The Brew City Horns-WIDoo Wop Daddies Blast from the Past Show-WI

#### Children's Stage:

David Seebach Jim Krzewski- The "Spoon" Man Julie Sobanski Princess of Magic Kohl's Wild Theater Little, Jr, Teen Polish Fest Oriliowski/Zarency H Club Polish Falcons Tumbling Starlite Clown-Balloon Syrenka Wayne & Wingnut

#### A large display documenting Jan Karski's life

will be on display in the Cultural area hosted by Polanki, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee.

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MEMBERSHIPS ARE FROM JAN 1 TO DEC 31

## **IN THE NEWS** from various sources

<u>1 April</u> - Marquette Univ, Milwaukee - Steve Wojciechowski, (woeju-HOW-skee) "Coach Wojo" age 37, named men's basketball coach. His Duke, NC coach told him "You'll find better Polish food in Milwaukee than in Durham" - PAJ May 2014

<u>2 May</u> - Wroclaw - 50,7344 guitarists beat the world record for playing the Jimmy Hendrix hit 'Hey Joe' simultaneously.

<u>3 May</u> - Milwaukee - 31 yr. old Crocus Restaurant S.13 Street closed. Polonez in St. Francis is remaining Polish restaurant.

<u>6 May</u> - Błędów Desert, Malopolska, S.Poland - North American troops trained with Poland's 6th Airborne Brigade.

- 9 coal mines resumed operations after they stopped 28 April due to 5 million tons of unsold coal, from decrease in demand. - Na. Museum, Krakow - Over 1,000 items from Stanley Kubrick's movie career are on display, *A Clockwork Orange*, and more.

<u>7-9 May</u> Katowice hosted the 2014 European Economic Congress. <u>7 May</u> - E. Belfast, IRELAND - A City Hall meeting condemned recent attacks on Poles and other foreign nationals. - Kamien Pomorski, NW Poland - Archaeologists found a 16th-17th cen. skeleton with a brick stuck into the mouth. "Such burials appear to be common in Slavic regions for people accused of vampirism, & are linked to Black Death-related deaths......"

<u>9 May</u> - W. Wielkopolska - An unmanned "Fly Eye" drone went missing. It was last seen flying toward the village of Skulsk. Poland's Defense Ministry hopes to develop its drone fleet - Jagiellonian University, Krakow - For the 650th anniversary, a 50 year time capsule was buried in the Professors' Garden.

## If your label does not say 2014 this is your last issue unless you renew. Dziękuję! Thank you for renewing!

<u>10 May</u> -Eurovision's Contest, Copenhagen, DENMARK - 14th place for Poland's Donatan-Cleo's "MY SŁOWIANIE" sexy milkmaids. -NY City - 111 year old Aleksander Imich is the world's oldest man. He was born in Częstochowa, then part of Tsarist Russia.

<u>13 May</u> - Atlas Arena, Lodz - 13,000 fans heard Peter Gabriel (Genesis) play every song from his 1986 album 'So'. - Wroclaw - Foreign minister Radoslaw Sikorski led a debate about the Visegrad Group (V4), and launched the Cycling Rally thru Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.

<u>19 May</u> - Bielsko-Biala, SW Poland - Death of Zbigniew (Zigzy) Pietrzykowski, 79. In the 1960 Rome Olympics the 11 x national boxing champ lost to Cassius Clay in the Light H Wt.

<u>21 May</u> -Warsaw - Sandbags were placed + train speeds lowered the River Vistula's ~36 hr. flood wave passed without damage. - Central Museum of Textiles, Lodz - On display is a 458 x 894 cms embroidered replica Matejko's "John III Sobieski at Vienna."

<u>14-25 May</u> - Cannes, FRANCE - Polish films at the Film Festival: *Fragments/ Fragmenty* dir: Aga Woszczyńska *A Blue Room/ Niebieski pokój* dir: Tomasz Siwiński *Blind Chance/Przypadek (1987)* dir: Krzysztof Kieślowski

22 May - The University of Warsaw ranked #1 of 193 seats of higher learning in Poland, Krakow's Jagiellonian Univ. #2. - National Stadium, Warsaw - The Warsaw Book Fair, attended by over 700 publishers from 23 countries, celebrated the 600th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Poland & Turkey.

<u>23 May</u> - Mszana, Silesia - Since the opening of the new A1 bridge, drivers from Katowice can reach Prague in 3 ½ hours. <u>25 May</u> - Death of Gen. Jaruzelski, 90, last communist leader.