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Come enjoy our 8th Annual Bazaar

NEW LOCATION: Knights of Columbus Hall 5256 Verona Rd, Fitchburg (off Anton Dr.) *Traffic moves despite construction!

FROM THE W.BELTLINE: EXIT 258 Midvale Blvd.
LEFT under Beltline 151-18 /Verona Rd 1.3 mi.
R Stop Lite: Williamsburg Way, L Anton Dr. OR McKee Rd./Co.Hwy PD: Verona Rd 1 mi.
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- Amber jewelry
- •Breads, chrusciki, kolaczki, makowiec
- Boleslawiec pottery
- ·Books: children's books and more
- Demonstrations of Polish crafts
- •History + genealogist Barb Glassel
- Imported Art & Crafts
- Opłatek wafers for Wigilia
- Polish lunch & Polish beer! (eat-in/ take-out)
- ·Listen to musicians play traditional music.
- •Silent Auction (see list in Oct. newsletter)
- Szopka (wooden crèche)

Your help is appreciated! CONTACT: Pam Pasowicz (608) 217-2658

The PHCWI Nominating Committee requests nominees for the 2015 Board of Directors. Please call Butch Luick 219-9842

Dates to save

Nov 1 Grazyna Auguscik concert Nov 7 1st Friday Breakfast see page 2 for more.....

Dec TBA Professor Szybalski film

Dec 31 Sylwestra święto (New Years Eve)

Do you want to celebrate with dancing, foods & snacks, or cook a dinner and have a band play great dancing music/songs? Watch fireworks? Contact Kasia Tomczak kasiacraig@yahoo.com

YOU ARE CORDIALY INVITED TO OUR

36th Annual Wigilia
Reservation deadline Nov 24.

Saturday Dec. 6th

Madison Turners Banquet Hall

3001 S. Stoughton Rd (on service road)

We look forward to a special evening! For any questions please contact: Linda Cagle h-(608) 244-2788 c-239-0398 lindacagle@att.net or Butch Luick (608) 219-9842

5 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Sharing of Opłatek, The program includes the Turon and Star, Wigilia stories, and the Polish Choir.

The Wigilia [vee-GHEEL-yah] is the traditional meatless Christmas Eve vigil supper. The club's 1st Wigilia was in 1979, so this is our 36th (per Historian Don W.). NEW THIS YEAR:

- · location:Turners Hall, Madison's E.Side,
- long-time member Butch Luick is working on our delicious menu with a caterer,
- · children under age 8 eat free,
- all 18 and under will receive a holiday gift.
 Invite family and friends, share this special
 Polish tradition! Enclosed is a Reservation
 + 2015 Membership Renewal Form.



2014 Polish Related Events Madison area:

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1st Friday 9 am PHCWI Breakfast (608) 238-9189, Monona Garden Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Rd, Monona

1st Sunday 5 pm Mass in Polish: Fr. Bruno Slodowski. St. Cecilia's (608) 254-8381 603 Oak St, WI Dells

Oct 22-Jan 3 Display of Polish Ornaments - Christmas Customs and Crafts Pinney Library 204 Cottage Grove Rd.

Nov 1 Sat 7-9 pm Grazyna Auguscik and Paulinho Garcia Concert The Brink Lounge, 701 E Washington Ave.

Nov 2 Sun 2-4 pm Lutosławski's Concerto: Passenger Pigeon Symposium Mills Hall 455 N. Park St.

Wisconsin premiere of The Columbiad, performed by UW Symphony Orchestra. Composer Anthony Philip Heinrich witnessed the migration of giant flocks of passenger pigeons.

The program's second half includes Witold Lutoslawski's Concerto for Orchestra, which uses Polish folk music themes. Free, open to public. Public domain photo: Lutosławski (1913 –1994)



Nov 6 Thur 9:30 pm + Nov 7 Fri 6 pm *Ida* Marquee Theater UW Union South 1308 Dayton St.

Nov 8 MAKE RES. FOR Nov 22 Sat. 9:30-12:30 Workshop: Polish Holiday Ornaments Pinney Library 204 Cottage Grove Rd.

Nov 8 Sat 9 - 3 pm PHCWI Polish Bazaar Knights of Columbus Hall 5256 Verona Rd Fitchburg

Nov 11 Tue 7 pm PHCWI Book Club: Polish Independence Day with author Piotr Puchalski at Kasia's (608) 836-8632

Nov 15/Dec 6 Sat 1 & 3 pm Polish Film Festival UW-Madison Polish Students Assoc. Marquee, 1308 Dayton St.

Dec 6 Sa PHCWI-Madison Wigilia Reservations required by Nov. 24



Milwaukee:

WI State Fair Park 8200 West Greenfield Ave, West Allis

Nov 21-23 Holiday Folk Fair 2014: Celebrate the Culture of the Artisan, www.folkfair.org/

Polish Center of Wisconsin 6941 S 68th St. Franklin, WI (414) 529-2140 www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/index.php/events/

Nov 2 PAC Polish Independence Day - Veteran's Day Luncheon 11:30 - 3 pm, RESERVATIONS REQ. (414) 281-3063

Nov 8 Polish Medieval Banquet: Eat, Drink and Be Merry: Uczta Staropolska! 5:30-10 pm, RSVP REQ. BY OCT 31

Nov 14 Annual Polish Vodka Tasting 7 - 10 pm. Rate your favorites! Enjoy snacks, entertainment & raffle. \$30/20

Nov 16 The Longing In My Heart...Music, Poetry, and Art Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Polish Freedom

Basilica of St. Josaphat 2333 S. 6th St.

Dec 13-14 Bel Canto Chorus: Christmas in the Basilica

Dec. 20-21 Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: Handel's "Messiah"



↑th Polish Film Festival

Illinois:

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Dr, Skokie:

Sept 17 - Jan 24, 2015 The World Knew: Jan Karski's Mission for Humanity Exhibit

Chicago Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Oct 19 - Jan 11 Forbidden Art Exhibit

Chicago Cultural Center 78 E. Washington St: Nov 5 Wed 6:30 pm European Jazz Meets Chicago: Waclaw Zimpel Quartet

Various venues: Polish Film Festival in America

Nov 7- 23 Tickets/Schedule: (773) 486-9612 www.pffamerica.com/

Millennium Park, The Harris Theater

Dec 14 Sun 3 pm The Lira Ensemble: Joyous Jubilee! Polish Carols, Song & Dance

Genealogy

Nov 6 Dane Co. Area Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting www.dcags.org/ 7 pm 4505 Regent St. Madison Religious Records: More than Hatchings, Matchings & Dispatchings - Speaker: David McDonald, CGSM.

Nov 9 Polish Genealogical Society James S. Pula: WWII Kosciuszko Squadron Talk/Webinar Arlington Heights, IL www.pgsa.org/index.php SEE ALSO: Compendium of Polish Digital Web Sites

WI Historical Society Genealogy Workshops: Lori Bessler (608)264-6519 or lori.bessler@wisconsinhistory.org http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/pdfs/la/WHS-Genealogy-Classes-Registration-Fall-2014.pdf Nov 1 Ancestry.com Webinar Nov 17 Family History Projects Computer Lab UW Memorial Library Room 231



CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! Stoneczny Kącik

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

11/5 Constance "Connie" Waldmer

11/20 Corina Rios Jackson

11/24 Jerzy Brania, Marek Hann, Joan Dros Allen

2014 PHCWI-Madison Scholarships winners are:

Jessica L. Bowden, Claire I. Wisniewski, James M. Dodge, and Lauren E. Paul. After the successful completion of their first semester, they receive their awards, and their essays are printed in future newsletters. Congratulations to all, and best wishes for your post High School semesters ahead! A special thank you to those who have donated to our Scholarship Fund.

Our sympathies to the family of David Peterson.

He died peacefully at home on Oct. 8 surrounded by his family. He and Joan co-authored many in their series of books for Ginkgo Press. Their 2000 book *Eat Smart in Poland* was dedicated to the PHCWI's Zofia Kubinska: "Her love and knowledge of Polish food added savor to every page." As experienced world-wide travelers, they led tours to many countries, and "re-live[d] their adventures by re-creating many of the special dishes they have enjoyed on their travels." Contibutions in David's memory may be made to: Wisconsin Youth Symphony, 455 N.Park St. #1625 Madison 53706.

At the Nov 8 Bazaar...

History/Genealogy Area:

Bob Kriz's donated past issues of *Rodziny* (rah-JEE-nee), the Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America. Articles include: "Ask the Retoucher" (photos), conference reports, and advice about connecting with relatives. Topics are listed in the *Periodical Source Index PERSI*.

Barb Glassel, guest genealogist and her computer, are available for the 3rd year. An experienced family history researcher, Barb is a member of the WI and Dane Co. Genealogical Societies. She likes to help others do effective research on their own family trees, using local and online sources. Come exchange information about Polish-American research.

Quilt Display: Gloria Welniak's wall quilt was juried into the



2014 WI Public TV's Quilt Expo. Warsaw Uprising 1944 is a mixed media quilt, "an abstract interpretation of the chaos and bloodshed of the tragic Uprising of 1944 and a tribute to our courageous Polish brothers & sisters. It contains ephemera such as

fragments from my father's missal and a tattered Polish flag. The colors are dark and fore-boding with flashes of smoke and fire and the shapes suggest fallen warriors and the destruction of the city. A ghostly white eagle rises from the ashes, symbolic of the striving for a free and sovereign Polish state and the need for continued vigilance in the face of repression." **ALSO: Jane Dunn** volunteered on behalf of our Polish Club at Sept.'s Quilt Expo. She was on a Quilt Unbundling & Hanging Team, says it's an enjoyable way to volunteer + see the quilts!

Nov 11 PHCWI BOOK CLUB 7 pm Polish Independence Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości Kasia Krzyzostaniak is hostess at 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton. krzmw@chorus.net Please call ahead so she can set up chairs. (608) 836-8632. From Kasia: "We are going to have a guest speaker, a graduate student from Poland, Piotr Puchalski. This is Independence Day in Poland and his talk will be related to this holiday." Piotr Puchalski is the author of The Relics - about a Polish lieutenant in 1924 Mexico. Copies of the book available. Many Polish flags fly on this official holiday. Banks, government offices, schools and most businesses are closed. Flag info. with Madison's West H.S.'s hallway flag. -RoseM.photo.

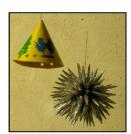


"The colors of red and white have been used since the 13th century. They were taken from the national coat of arms of a white eagle on a red field. Under the communism rule from 1945-89, the red hand stood for socialism. Now white has come to represent a desire for peace."

Nov 11 Veterans Day Remembrance of Donald Wisniewski

PHCWI-Madison member while living in Franklin, WI and after moving here, Donald E.Wisniewski, passed away on April 23 at the age of 88 in Middleton. He served his country in World War II as a member of the United States Marine Corps, and played major league baseball with the New York Giants. He and Loretta would have celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on May 7, 2014. From the obituary: "Donald worked for Nestlé for 30 years. He was everyone's favorite go to guy for chocolate. He was very involved in his community, being one of the founding members of the Wilson Park Little League, on the Board of the Polam Golf Charities Event, a former Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Marine Corps League-Badger Detachment. Two years ago he had the privilege of going on the Badger Honor Flight to Washington D.C." Our belated sympathies to his son and family, PHCWI members Gregory (Nancy).

Nov 22 Polish Holiday Ornaments
Pinney Library 204 Cottage Grove Rd.
9:30-12:30 First registration date 11/8
Winter solstice is a cold and dark time in
Poland, color and ritual festivity brings a
needed respite. Preparations begin in
Advent, the four week period before
Christmas. Hanging a spruce or fir bough



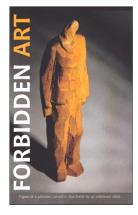
in the house to decorate with handmade ornaments, fruits, and nuts was as early custom. The evergreen was believed to be inhabited by the gods and would bring good luck to the household. In this workshop, several types of traditional Polish ornaments will be made. All materials furnished, but please bring a small sharp scissors if possible. Openings: 12. Adult, Teen. To register: (608) 224-7100 or sign up at: http://host.evanced.info/madison/evanced/eventsignup.asp?ID=39131

Past -Prez John/Skip Benninghouse says don't forget this beer!

On tap - The Grodz "Smoked Wheat Beer. Brewed since the Middle Ages but nearly forgotten today, the Grodziskie (aka Grätzer) style oak-smoked wheat beer hails from western Poland. Light, crisp and refreshing, yet full of flavor and accented by a distinctive smokiness, The Grodz makes a great session beer! 1.033 OG 22 IBUs 3.6% abv."

Drink it at Vintage Brewing Co. 674 South Whitney Way.

Forbidden Art Exhibit Sept 17- Oct 5



by Diane Michalski Turner and Marge Morgan, Committee Chairs Photos by Kasia Tomczak.

In 2011 at an international conference a decision was made to show the world what the Nazi Holocaust did to persons incarcerated in their concentration camps. Conceived from this decision was the construction of a

touring exhibit of 20 pieces from the 2,000 pieces housed in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. This art was created in defiance to the Nazi prohibition on correspondence and art because Nazi officials did not want the events in the concentration camps documented. The exhibit was named, therefore, "Forbidden Art."

The exhibit came to Madison through the partnership of the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin, Inc. – Madison Group, the Polish Mission of the Orchard Lakes Schools, Michigan, that has the exclusive partnership with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Poland to show the exhibit, and the Wisconsin Union Arts Directorate.



Forbidden Art opened in Madison in the Porter Butts Gallery of the University of Wisconsin's Memorial Union, Madison, on September 17. The subdued lighting in the gallery allowed the illuminated photographs of the original art in the dark panels to glow like incandescent shrines. The pieces either depicted camp reality, for instance, two women struggling to push wheelbarrows, or those whose aim was to escape this reality, for eg. the gaily-colored page of a story for children.

LEFT: J J Prezwozniak (Michigan), Diane.Turner & Marge Morgan (Chairs), Joanna Pasowicz (PHCWI President) RIGHT:Kelsey Burnham (Art Committee Director), Anais Reyes (Art Committee Assistant Director), Robin Schmoldt (Art Advisor), and Butch Luick (PHCWI Past President).



On September 17th nearly 100 visitors attended the two opening receptions. At the evening reception, J J Prezwozniak, of the Polish Mission, Orchard Lakes Schools in Michigan, and Professor Rachel Brenner, of the UW - Madison Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies, presented information about the exhibit and an understanding of the creation of art by concentration camp internees, respectively.



Professor Brenner is Polishborn and of the generation to have been personally affected by the Holocaust. Her research interests focus on Holocaust literature/ ethics.

A scroll, approximately 20 feet long, accompanied the exhibit upon which visitors could sign and write their thoughts. The scroll will return to Poland with the exhibit and become part of the permanent collection at



the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. Emotional comments occupied most of the scroll, mostly hoping that a holocaust should not occur again – anywhere.

The exhibit is available through two media:

- a recording of the afternoon reception's presentation by
- J J Prezwozniak and a picture of each exhibit panel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX3of5y4X4U
- Scott Gordon et al. *ArtsExtract website: "Forbidden Art"* http://artsextract.com/2014/09/30/forbidden-art-survived/

The *Forbidden Art* project was funded by our club with little financial support from others. The Club would be grateful for donations from Club members and others who cherish the meaning of this exhibit. Donations can be sent to: PHCWI, PO Box 45438, Madison, WI 53744-5438. Please write "Forbidden Art" in the memo line of your check. The club is not a tax-deductible organization.

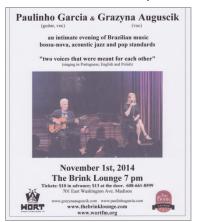


From October 19 to January 11, 2015 the Forbidden Art Exhibit is at the Polish Museum in Chicago.
From there it goes to the United Nations in New York City.

Polish Music Szymon Wozniczka

Nov 1 Grazyna Auguscik and Paulinho Garcia Concert

The Brink Lounge, 701 E Washington Ave. 7-9 pm \$13 at door / \$10 Adv. *PayPal* at www.thebrinklounge.com/



Call: 608) 661-8599
*Co-sponsored by
WORT-FM 89.9.
*Tickets will be used as
premiums during the
fall pledge drive.*

"Mad-Pol K.A. presents an evening of bossa nova and acoustic Brazilian jazz, performed by Chicago-based Grazyna Auguscik and Paulinho Garcia. She is a Polishborn accomplished jazz singer working with

various groups. He is a Brazilian-born vocalist, guitarist and Brazilian music educator. They have been recording together since the late 1990's. Their music is acoustic, intricate, delicate, soulful, smooth and sublime. They sing primarily in Portuguese, but also English, Polish and Spanish.

They have released three CDs of their own compositions and covers of various Brazilian bossa nova composers like Tom Jobim, Boden Powel, Edu Lobo. One of their CDs is a collection of bossa-nova flavored covers of Beatles songs."

Paulinho performs and records solo as well as with Julie Kodin and Greg Fishman. http://www.paulinhogarcia.com/Grazyna performs with her jazz band, mixing Polish & American jazz standards with Polish folk music (she performed with Janusz Prusinowski Trio when they played in Chicago). She also recorded CD of Nick Drake covers (jazz style) www.grazynaauguscik.com/

I think they are a perfect live act for a date, an intimate evening, with the small club atmosphere, good acoustics and a glass of great wine, candles on the table. Their music might be fun to enjoy and chill out to after the craziness and hassle of Halloween festivities. Their show can appeal to the fans of Brazilian, world, acoustic jazz and folk music. It will be interesting to anybody who enjoys intricate acoustic guitar, great vocal harmonies and beautiful, timeless melodies.

Please help me spread the word to make them feel welcomed and hopefully make them comeback in the future. Even though both of these great musicians live so close to Madison, they have never performed in Madison. I hope to introduce them to Madtown's audience and make them regular guests with their various musical projects. Please spread the word amongst friends, and music aficionados. Help me reach out local Brazilian community as well.

Grażyna Auguścik [gra-jee-na] [au-goose-chick] studied guitar in Słupsk, NW Poland where she was born in 1955. After her singing debut in 1977 at a Toruń festival, she won in in the category of first-time contestants at the 1979 Na. Festival of Polish Song in Opole...won prizes at Kraków's Student Festival of Song...Warsaw's Festival of Traditional Jazz. .She graduated from Boston's Berklee College of Music in 1992.

Oct 2014 Songlines Issue 103

Several months ago I wrote about a Polish folk CD included with *Songlines* magazine out of Britain, which has recently been more regularly featuring Polish music in their articles. That previous CD, *Wild Music from the Heart of Poland*, was part of issue #97. It included mostly very traditional Polish village music performed largely by younger musicians who are trying to preserve music of their masters.

I was pleasantly surprised when I found out that *Songlines* did it again. Their current issue (#103) features a free CD called *Discover Poland: folk/world/ethno 2014* which contains 18 tracks from that many artists and presents a more contemporary approach to folk music from Poland. There are some electronic, pop, rock, reggae, African, Asian influences and also pieces representing klezmer and Roma music.

Listeners of my shows on WORT may recognize:

Warsaw Village Band, St Nicholas Orchestra, Caci Vorba, Volosi, Maria Pomianowska, Chlopcy Kontra Basia Dagadana, and more. There is of course a short article about the artists inside the magazine. It will definitely serve as great introduction or guide to the present state of Polish folk music.



Also on page 81, you can find a very positive review of the latest CD by the band Chlopcy Kontra Basia called *Oj tak*. It has the distinction of being recently released by a western record label Riverboat Records, after being voted "The Best Polish folk CD of 2013" in the "Wirtualne Gesle" contest.

Songlines is available locally and nation-wide at Barnes and Noble bookstores and online www.songlines.co.uk. I suspect that it will stay on the shelves till at least mid-November. This magazine costs about \$13 and comes with another CD compilation of contemporary world music recordings. I hope that you will have a chance to check this out and enjoy this creative example of contemporary Polish music.

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

On Pinterest Folk music videos from Poland

Right now I have over 120 videos collected ("pinned") on my page. I am trying to pin only videos of professional or semi-professional quality with at least good sound & good camera work. They represent a wide variety of Polish ethnic music styles: folk, traditional-village music, pop-folk, acoustic etc. www.pinterest.com/ratatapapa/folk-music-videos-from-poland/

24th Annual Polish Film Festival Madison

Nov 15, Dec 5 The Marquee, 1308 W. Dayton St.

PARKING: Union South Garage, Lot 16, Lot 17
The UW-Madison Polish Student Association (PSA) is dedi-

cated to bringing together UW-Madison's Polish community through various events, bi-weekly meetings + the annual Film Festival. The Polish Heritage Club contributes to this free event. All movies with English subtitles.

Nov 15

1pm STONES FOR THE RAMPART /Kamienie na szaniec



[2013] dir. Robert Glinski
Describes the WWII acts of sabotage and armed resistance carried out by the Polish underground scout movement, the Gray Ranks. Based on a 1943 non-fiction novel.

3 pm WALESA: MAN OF HOPE dir. Andrzej Wajda [2013]



Captures the metamorphosis of a simple man – from an electric technician at the Gdansk shipyard who fought for labor rights to a charismatic leader who awoke the desire for freedom in millions of people, and led to change that exceeded their wildest dreams. Starring Robert Więckiewicz.

Dec 6

1 pm JACK STRONG dir. Władysław Pasikowski [2014]



The most spectacular Polish spy of the Cold War era, Col. Ryszard Kuklinski "Jack Strong", provided the CIA with over 40,000 pages of secrets documents... in the face of the upcoming martial law. Stars Marcin Dorociński.

3 pm LIFE FEELS GOOD/ Chce sie zyc dir. Maciej Pieprzyca



[2013] Heartbreaking, humorous movie whose main character, a romantic, goodnatured man with cerebral palsy, yearns to be understood by his family and friends. Based on a true story. A testament to the endurance of the human spirit.

ALSO Nov 6 Thur 9:30 pm, Nov 7 Fri 6 pm WI Union Directorate Presents: *Ida* (2014) at Union South



"In 1960s Poland, a young woman is preparing to take her vows and become a Catholic nun when she discovers that she's Jewish. What follows is a journey through identity and what makes us who we are as she explores a dark family history running

back to Nazi Germany. Shot in breathtakingly stark black and white and featuring an unbelievable turn by Agatha Trezbuchowska, *Ida* is a modern masterpiece that sees director Pawel Pawlikowski return to his home country and explore his roots as an artist, and will certainly be considered one of the best foreign films of the year."

26th Polish Film Festival Chicago

Nov 7 - 23 (773) 486-9612 www.pffamerica.com/

"The 17-day event is the world's most extensive showcase of Polish film beyond Poland and one of the oldest and largest annual film presentations in Chicago."



Tickets and venues: www.pffamerica.org/en/tickets-venues/

SOLD OUT Nov 8 Opening: GODS BY LUKASZ PALKOWSKI

"Gods is a story based on the facts from a life of Professor Zbigniew Religa, a famous Polish cardiosurgeon and later a politician. Religa performed the first successful heart transplant in then communist Poland in the 1980's; he was the father of human organ transplantation in the country. It's a portrait of an extraordinary human being, full of emotion and far from any embellishment, who dared challenge the existing rules under extremely adverse and difficult circumstances.Outstanding and internationally acclaimed Chicago-based Polish jazz vocalist Grazyna Auguscik will appear with her band at the opening in a special mini-concert.

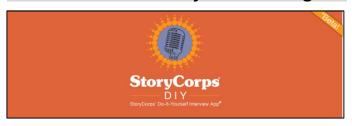
Nov 16 JERZY HOFFMAN'S DELUGE REDIVIVUS In 1975,

Deluge was nominated to the Academy Award... was seen by 27 million viewers in Polish movie theatres which makes it the 3rd largest audience in a history of Polish cinema. [It] an adaptation of Henryk Sienkiewicz's novel. In 1655, a bannaret of Orsha, Andrzej Kmicic, comes to Wodokty to introduce himself to the fiancée meant for him – Olenka. The young couple fall in love with each other at first sight. However, proud and impulsive nature of Kmicic gets him in trouble as he first supports the Radziwill Family which collaborates with Swedes invading the Polish-Lithuanian Common-wealth. In order to expiate his guilt and regain the heart of his beloved one, Kmicic decides to fully devote himself to battling against the enemy and saving his motherland.

Nov 23 Closing: SECRET SHARER, A NEW MOVIE BY OSCAR WINNER PETER FUDAKOWSKI ...inspired by Conrad's story ... It's a contemporary fable told with epic beauty, humor and a twist in its tale. Set on a rusting cargo ship in the South China Sea, it's the young Polish captain's first commend. His mutinous Chinese crew suspect him and his unscrupulous Boss of planning to scuttle the ship for an insurance scam. When the crew abandon ship, Konrad, the young captain is left alone on board, helpless, anchored in a bay. That night while waiting anxiously on deck, he finds a naked body floating in the sea below, tangled up in the ship's rope ladder. Pulling the ladder, the captain discovers a beautiful Chinese woman in distress. She climbs on board, saying only "Hide me." Dawn comes a few hours later and so does a search party, looking for a murderer...The film was shot on location in Thailand and China. Smashing cinematography was contributed by young Polish DP Michal Tywoniuk. A great symphonic score,"

OSCAR POSSIBILITIES Best Documentary Short: Joanna - a woman who decides to write a blog on discovering that she gas just three months to live. *Our Curse* - a newborn has an incurable disease. Best Foreign Language: *Ida* is a favorite.

Nov 28 National Day of Listening



On the day after Thanksgiving, StoryCorps asks all Americans to take an hour to record an interview with a loved one, using recording equipment that is readily available in most homes, such as computers, iPhones or tape recorders, This day provides a non-commercial alternative to "Black Friday" shopping sprees. Tens of thousands of Americans have participated in the National Day of Listening and educators and community organizations have incorporated StoryCorps' interviewing techniques into their programs.

see StoryCorps' free *Do-It-Yourself Instruction Guide* http://diy.storycorps.org/participate/

Suggested questions....Family heritage

- •What is your ethnic background?
- •Where is your mom's ... dad's family from?
- Have you ever been there? What was that experience like?
- •What traditions have been passed down in your family?
- Who were your favorite relatives?
- •Do you remember any of the stories they used to tell you?
- •What are the classic family stories? Jokes? Songs?

StoryCorps interviews are available from partners in Wisconsin: Sauk Prairie River Project (Sauk City, WI) Madison Children's Museum, Conserve School (Land O' Lakes, WI), and others.

WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO http://www.wpr.org/listen/365856 Listen to *Central Time* Dec. 24, 2013: the founder of StoryCorps shares memories & stories from the last 10 years. AND on Nov. 28, 2014 *The Joy Cardin Show* 6 - 9 am. 970 AM

UW-Madison-Libraries Oral History Program was established as part of the History Project in 1971 - interviews with campus administrators, staff, and students as well as faculty. (608) 262-5629 <u>archives.library.wisc.edu/oral-history/...</u>

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Milwaukee Polonia



Over 32,000 historic 1910-40s photographs are available on the UWM Libraries website. http://uwm.edu/mkepolonia/

UW-Milwaukee website: "Thousands passed through Roman B.J. Kwasniewski's studio on Lincoln Avenue and had their portraits taken for weddings, First Communions, Confirmations, & graduation ceremonies. Kwasniewski also took his camera into the community, creating a lovingly detailed portrait of the world around him. He took thousands more pictures of street scenes, buildings, parks, businesses, sports teams, and fraternal societies. His photos show an ethnic community during its most cohesive period. This nationally significant collection is used by scholars researching the history of Polish-Americans and by genealogists seeking glimpses of past family members."

From the Introduction by John Gurda: "More than two hundred thousand Milwaukeeans trace their family roots to Poland. That is enough to make Milwaukee one of the capital cities of Polish America, a place where Pope John Paul II is revered, the polka is mastered at an early age, and you're never far from cold beer and good kielbasa. Milwaukee's Polonia (Polish American community) is larger than those in Cleveland, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh, and in proportional terms, it is on par with the colonies in Chicago and Detroit."

The collection officially opened at Polish Fest June 2014 with a display of the photos. On October 2 the Polish Center held a celebration of Milwaukee's Polish-American history and the opening of UWM's digital collection. Speakers were historian John Gurda, UWM Emeritus Professor Donald Pienkos, and UWM Libraries staff Michael Doylen and Ann Hanlon.



Illuminating the Particular: Photographs of Milwaukee's Polish South Side by Christel T. Maass
Pub. by WI Historical Society Press
5 copies in S. Central library System

The Modjeska Theater 1134 W Mitchell St. opened in 1924. Named for Helena Modjeska, renowned Polish actress who specialized in Shakespearean roles, the theater showed Polish films and had various other uses. It closed in 2010. For some time, the Modjeska Theatre Project LLC has worked to restore the theater- October 25 was the reopening event.



Larry Widen, Managing Director, is co-author of Silver Screens: A Pictorial History of Milwaukee's Movie Theaters.

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IN THE NEWS from various sources

25 Aug MILWAUKEE - 376 cycled the 8 mile *Polish Moon Ride* for the Bike Fed of WI. More accordionists desired for 2015! 29 Aug WARSAW - Journalist Rick Lyman is the new NY TIMES Central and Eastern European Bureau Chief based in Warsaw.

1 Sept KRAKOW, Arts Palace - New exhibit shows the town of Wieluń "Poland's Guernica" 3/4 destroyed on 1 Sept.1939.
6 Sept KIELCE, Na. Museum - Exhibit of 22 "lost" paintings by Piotr Stachiewicz that were used in Sienkiewicz's *Quo Vadis*. - NILES, III. - Dedication of 32' St. John Paul II obielisk.
14 Sept KRAKOW - Centre for the Documentation of the Art of Tadeusz Kantor (Cricoteka) was 85% funded by the EU.

<u>17 Sept</u> STALOWA WOLA, SE Poland - Opening of Ikea's largest sawmill for making home furnishings in Poland and Slovakia. <u>18 Sept</u> WARSAW - Unveiling of the Katyn massacre epitaph, a tribute to the 22,000 Poles killed in the massacre.

<u>20 Sept</u> GDANSK - New 600 seat, retractable roofed Shakespeare Theatre's opening interrupted by a 2 hour bomb scare during "British Week." The 1st English actors came in 1601. <u>22 Sept</u> Croatian Mountains - A Polish created drone aircraft searched for a Krakow archeologist missing since August.

23 Sept KASPROWY, Tatra Mts. - Snow fell on the 1st day of autumn in the Giewont mountain pass, up to 1800 meters. - WARSAW, Centre for Contemporary Art - Display of customized BMWs painted Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Jeff Koons.

<u>24 Sept</u> ORSYZ, NE Poland - Illinois Na. Guard troops arrived for 'Anaconda 14' military training exercises.

- POZNAN Zoo - Lovemaking donkeys Napoleon and Antonina are back together after a politician demanded their separation.

<u>25 Sept</u> Central Statistical office (GUS) - Over 2 mil. Poles left Poland to work or study in 2013. \sim 650,000 live in the UK. - NY CITY, UN General Assembly - President Komorowski: the Security Council needs urgent reforms to meet new threats.

<u>26 Sept</u> Poland's WB Electronics and U.S. Raytheon will work together to develop the 'Wisła' air-raid and antimissile system. - GLASGOW, Scotland - Polish LOT Dreamliner 787 made an emergency landing due to smoke smell. Cause unknown.

 $\underline{\tt 28~Sept}$ SOSNOWIEC, S. Poland - Striking coal miners and the Katowice Coal Co. reached agreement.

- PONFERRADA, NW Spain Michal Kwiatkowski is the 1st Pole to win the cycling UCI Road Race World Championship.
- WARSAW, Castle Square Pro-choice activists protested for the Decriminalization of Abortion on the Interna. Day of Action.

29 Sept Okocim beer - will sponsor The Polish Football Assoc. - Entrepreneur, lawyer, patron of the arts Grażyna Kulczyk: Poland's richest woman is worth 2.5 billion zloty (600 million euro). - GDANSK - Kiev Mayor Klitschko received the Walesa Prize on behalf of thousands of Ukrainian 'Euromaidan' protesters.

30 Sept GDANSK, new European Solidarity Centre - The EU funded over half of the ship-hulled building's construction. - WARSAW, corner of Swietokrzyska and Marszalkowska streets - Poland's 1st McDonald's (1992) closed to make room for a new office block. McDonald's has 338 branches in Poland.

<u>2 Oct</u> WARSAW - On 70th anniv. of the Warsaw Rising, Scouts lit thousands of candles, some 'anchor' (kotwica) shaped - WARSAW, outside the Polish Parliament - During new Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz inaugural speech, coal miners protested "cheap, low-quality coal" flooding the Polish market.