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Jan. 23 at the West Side Club.....

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

After brunch, President **Mary Schumacher** welcomed members, and gave the 2010 Activities Report. Treasurer **Barbara Lomperski** & Auditor **John Benninghouse** told of the club's sound finances. Past Directors received Certificates of Recognition: **Jerzy Brania, Jane Dunn, Basia Pulz, Angela Jakacki, and Paul Vassalotti**. Members recognized were: **Jerry Dunn** for dedication to the club through transport services, staffing booths, & newsletter help, **Kasia Krzyzostaniak** for Book Group hosting, **Rose Meinholz** for efforts in enhancing the newsletter, **Joanna Pasowicz** for making 15 red tablecloths, **Mary Vassalotti** for perfect Spring Festival photos, and **Tom Wosikowski** for his many musical contributions. Honorary Club Memberships were awarded to **Marie & Norm Revolinski & Waclaw Szybalski**. The Professor, who turns ninety this year, received a plaque commemorating his scientific accomplishments, and assistance to fellow Poles (see bio in a future issue). The Revolinskis were recognized for their many contributions to the club, and received a beautiful set of Boleslawiec stoneware.



The Nominating Committee: **Past President Basia Pulz, Rose Meinholz & Marie Revolinski** presented the newly elected candidates: **Butch Luick** -VP/President Elect, **Barbara Lomperski** -Treasurer, Directors-at-Large: (2-year terms) **Marcia Flannery & Stan Graiewski**, and **Adam Grabski** to fill-in Butch Luick's 1 year. **Janice Czynscon** continues on the BOD.



After Mary handed over the PHCWI's gravel to new President **John Benninghouse**, members stayed for more socializing about trips to Poland, events attended and catching up on news.

See 2010 Annual Report inside this issue.

Can you help? Your Club needs:

*New storage space to arrange our supplies
Call **Butch Luick** 244-4388.

*RSVP Elementary School Folk Fair help,
and also Spring Festival pussy willows
Call **Marie Revolinski** 222-2857.

Thank you **Roni Guski** for newsletter help.

BOOK GROUP Feb 8 Tuesday at 7 pm the group discusses *A Long Long Time Ago and Essentially True* by Brigid Pasulka. Nina Jankowicz in *COSMOPOLITAN REVIEW*: "Personally, I have never come across such a powerful tool for explaining Polish culture, history, and the Polish spirit to a non-Polish friend. I sincerely hope that that Ms. Pasulka's book finds further success, & she continues to tackle explaining Poland to the average English-speaker." The story happens in Krakow - what stories do you have about the city? **Kasia Krzyzostaniak** 3209 Highland Ct, Middleton is our Book Group hostess. Tel.836-8632
Madison Public Library has 5 copies.

Please call 238-9189 if you need a ride

*Feb 4 at 9 am 1st Fri. PHCWI Breakfast Friends at Monona Garden Restaurant.

*Feb 16 at 6pm PHCWI Board of Director Meeting WI Community Bank 8240 Mineral Pt. Rd (west of the Beltline at the turn onto Junction Rd toward Target).
Call Mary c-215-4747 or Julie c-335-7220 if you arrive after 6pm when the doors lock.

*Mar 15 PHCWI Scholarship deadline

*Mar 5 Sat 10-6 pm PHCWI sale at International Festival at Overture Center

*Mar 30-May 4 Survey of Polish Theater MATC-Downtown 211 North Carroll St.

2011 Polish Related Events Madison & Area:

alt. Wed/Th 7-9 pm Polski Stół / Polish Table UW-Madison Rathskeller Sebastian Jankowski sjankowski2@wisc.edu
some Sundays Wisconsin Dells Mass in the Polish Language St. Cecilia Church 604 Oak St (608) 254-8381
1st Fri of mo. 9 am PHC Breakfast Friends Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Bridge Rd. Barb/Mike tel.238-9189

Feb 8 Tue 7 pm Book Group *A Long Long Time Ago Essentially True* Kasia's 3209 Highland Ct, tel836-8632
Feb 13 Sun 3 pm *Chopin & Schubert* Concert-Lecture by Trevor Stephenson RESERVATIONS REQ tel.238-6092
Feb 27 Sun 3 pm Rockford, IL Opole Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra - Coronado Theatre
March 4 Casimir Pulaski Day in Wisconsin *Enacted April 30, 1987, from the 1987 Laws of Wisconsin, Act 11*
Mar 5 Sat 10-6 pm PHCWI Display at International Festival Overture Center 201 State St.
Mar 8 Tue before Ash Wednesday - Pączki Day
Mar 30 – May 4 Survey of Polish Theater Class # 60810601 6-8pm MATC-Downtown 211 North Carroll St.

Apr 17 Sun Palm Sunday PHCWI Spring Festival Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Monona
Apr 23 Sat *Holy Sat. Blessing of Baskets (Queen of Peace and St. Albert's) Święconka*
May 7 Sat Stevens Point 19th Annual Portage County Cultural Festival
July 16 Sat 8 pm Madison Opera's "Opera in the Park" Garner Park - corner of Mineral Point & Rosa Roads
July 17 Sun PHCWI Summer Picnic Elver Park 1250 McKenna Blvd.
Sep 9-11 F-Su WI Dells Polish Fest
Sep 16-7 F-Sa Stevens Point Harvest Festival *Dozynki*
Sept 17 Sat 3-7 pm Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones "America's #1 polka band" Essen Haus 514 E Wilson St
October – Polish American Heritage Month - events/libraries book displays
Nov 5 Sat PHCWI Christmas Bazaar at West Side Club
Dec 10 Sat PHCWI Wigilia at Zor Shrine Temple

Chicago:

Feb 26 Sat 8pm Wheaton, IL Opole Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra - Edman Chapel
May 7 Sat Columbus Drive Polish Constitution Day Parade to celebrate *Trzeciego Maja Day*
Sept F-M Taste of Polonia Labor Day Weekend - music on 5 stages, Mass, arts & crafts
Polish Museum of America 984 N. Milwaukee Ave tel. (773) 384-3352

Milwaukee:

Mar 27 Sun POLANKI's Pierogi Festival at the Polish Center of WI
June 17-19 Summerfest Grounds Polish Fest
Oct 9 Sun Norway House POLANKI'S Soup Festival
Nov 18-20 WI State Fair Park Holiday Folk Fair
Polish Center of WI 6941 S 68th St Franklin, WI Tel: (414)529-2140 <http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org/>

Minnesota:

Aug 13-14 Twin Cities Polish Festival on the Mississippi Riverbank
September Winona Polish Cultural Institute *SMACZNE JABŁKA* (Apple Day)

From the Polish-American Journal and *www.polishsite* - a website about Polish Culture

February *luty* in old Polish means "**fierce**", "**bitter frost**", "**freezing cold**"

- 2 1674 Coronation of **Jan Sobieski**, king & military leader who defeated the Turks in Vienna
- 4 1505 Birth of the father of Polish literature, **Mikolaj Rej**
 - 1745 Birth of Polish & American patriot, freedom fighter & military engineer **Thaddeus Kosciuszko**
- 10 1866 Birth in Detroit of **John Temke**, 1st American priest of Polish descent
- 11 1945 Yalta Conference, Soviets receive Poland's Eastern lands
- 12 1867 Death of **George Sokoloski**, 1st Polish American graduate of West Point Academy & Civil War veteran
- 15 1880 **Polish National Alliance** formed in Philadelphia
- 16 1952 Death of **Felix Witkowski**, last Polish American Confederacy veteran
- 17 1772 First **Partition of Poland** between Prussia, Russia & Austria
- 18 1386 Marriage of Polish Queen **Jadwiaga d'Anjou** to Wladyslaw Jagiello of Lithuania
- 19 1473 Birth of astronomer **Nicholas Copernicus** (Mikolaj Kopernik) in Torun, Poland
- 20 1530 **Zygmunt II August** crowned King of Poland
- 23 1884 Birth of biochemist **Casimir Funk**, father of the vitamin. (d. 1967)
 - 1891 Death of **Fr. Leopold Moczygemba**, who led Silesian immigrants to the first Polish settlement in the US

POLISH HERITAGE CLUB OF WI – MADISON SCHOLARSHIP



Founded in 1979, the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin – Madison (PHCWI) was formed to promote the heritage of our Polish ancestors through educational, cultural, charitable, and social objectives including:

- Encourage among Americans, particularly Americans of Polish ancestry, an interest in and knowledge of the Polish as well as American traditions in their cultural heritage.
- Join together for social and civic activities sustaining the originality, value, and joy of Polish customs and traditions and their compatibility with American history and culture.
- Give an organized welcome in Wisconsin to artists, scholars, dignitaries, writers, musicians and other proponents of Polish-American culture.
- Promote understanding and unity among Americans of all ethnic backgrounds.
- Advance education by awarding academic scholarships
- Contribute to charitable causes.

The Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin–Madison will award a \$500 scholarship to provide tuition assistance for students pursuing secondary education. One scholarship grant is awarded annually. The Scholarship Committee of PHCWI will review the application materials submitted by each student to ensure that criteria have been met and make recommendation for award to the PHCWI Board of Directors who approves the scholarship award to one applicant. Scholarships will be awarded following verification of enrollment in the college or university of choice by the student. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee and PHCWI-BOD are final and not subject to review.

Qualified applicants must send all of the material described in the application so that it is postmarked by March 15 of each year (faxes not accepted). Original and 5 duplicate copies of all materials must be mailed to the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison with Attention to Scholarship Committee. All materials submitted by applicants will become part of the records of Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison and will not be returned. Late, incomplete or unsigned applications will not be accepted or returned for correction. Application forms can be downloaded from www.phcwi-madison.org website, requested by mail or obtained by contacting info@phcwi-madison.org.

To be Eligible for Consideration:

Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident

Applicant must be Wisconsin resident

Applicant must be of verifiable Polish ancestry OR studying Polish language, history, society, or culture, OR significantly engaged with Polish culture.

Applicant is enrolling or enrolled in an educational program seeking associate or bachelor's degree in any field of study at an accredited U.S. university or college.

Applicant has demonstrated excellent academic performance. Successful applicants will usually have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four point scale.

Applicant is seeking financial aid for education beyond high school.

Prior winners of a PHCWI Scholarship are ineligible.

Applicant will demonstrate knowledge of Polish culture.

Application Requirements (typed separately and submitted attached to application form)

Application Form for Scholarship – complete all sections, sign, and date.

Essay – (750-1000 words) write on a major event in Polish history. Explain why the topic interests you or how it relates to you personally. Include a list of the sources you consulted.

Career Plan – (150-200 words) describe your education plans, career goals, and any information that makes you a good candidate for scholarship.

Supplemental Information – provide verifiable Polish ancestry and exposure to Polish culture, extracurricular activities, volunteering, leadership and involvement in the community.

Timeline: Application must be postmarked no later than March 15 in order to be considered. All applicants and recipient will be notified by June 1. Checks to the scholarship recipient will be issued upon verification of enrollment. Recipient grants permission to publish announcement in membership newsletter and on website including recipient's name, hometown, school, major, and photograph).

For additional information or to submit an application, please write to: Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin – Madison, Attention: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 45438, Madison, WI 53744. Download information and forms from www.phcwi-madison.org or contact us at info@phcwi-madison.org

CLUB EVENTS & MEMBER NEWS



SUNSHINE CORNER! *Słoneczny Kącik*

You are welcome to share your news, stories, celebrations, birthdays, anniversaries by calling:

Basia Pulz (608) 767-2921 or Jane Dunn 831-8827
 2/1 Mary Borowiecki 2/15 Charley Rathsack
 2/2 Norman Revolinski 2/18 Larry Hochman
 2/10 Adam Grabski 2/19 Joanna Janas
 2/11 John Gaska 2/26 Margarita Ackerman
 2/25 Josephine "Jo" Luick is 87. Her address is:
 WI Veteran's Home MacArthur Hall #311
 N2665 County Rd QQ King, WI 54946-0600

Mar 5 International Festival



at the Overture Center "weaves a rich tapestry of performances, crafts and foods with sounds, smells and flavors as colorful as the vibrant

costumes that adorn the performers. We give full-throated voice to languages, cultures and people from around the world, even as all the performers currently call Dane County home. For one day every year, Local Goes Global!" The Club's display is again in a prominent first floor location – come help organizers **Mary Schumacher, Julie Brania & Jane Dunn**, and enjoy the festival's food and entertainment!

Pierogi PHCWI member **Margaret Dahl** found Kasia's brand pierogi at the **Fresh Madison Market 703 University Ave. Phone: (608) 287-0000 (old Univ.Sq.)** She asked about other Polish products, didn't find any, but maybe they'd carry some if more of us asked. Martha Stewart says "I am often asked, 'What is your favorite food?' Although I always answer Japanese, the real response should be pierogi, the delectable Polish dumplings that my mother, Martha Kostyra, made so well in their many incarnations: potato, cabbage, blueberry, peach, plum and apricot. Everyone in our family is crazy about these little boiled dumplings." <http://www.marthastewart.com/food>



Thank you to members Bogdan and Theresa Tukiendorf, and to **Barb Lomperski**, who arranged their meeting with a student who wanted to learn about Polish culture to better care for her Polish clients. Mr. Tukiendorf is the author of *The Long, Hard Road: From*

Nazi-Occupied Poland to Freedom in America, available at the Madison Public Library and on Amazon.com.

The Polish Club WI Dells – Lake Delton sent an invite for their Jan. 8th traditional Christmas Dinner "*Jaselka*" at St. Cecelia's cafeteria. After a short presentation in Polish by school children, a delicious all you can eat dinner, Christmas music, and a visit from St. Nicholas, dancing complete the evening. Joanne Odehnal is President and Anna Szafranska is Secretary. St. Cecelia's sometimes has a Polish Mass.

At the Jan. 23 Annual Meeting, Jane Dunn told about the 1st POLAND UNDER GLASS event held Jan. 22 in all 3 of Milwaukee's Mitchell Park's domes. She enjoyed the food, dancing and demos – and hope it's held again next year. Jane and family were in Milwaukee for her great nephew AJ's 2nd Birthday party – a fun time was had at both events! **Professor Szybalski** heard from past Board Director (and fellow researcher) **Jadwiga Wild** – she visited the South Pole, on her way to Patagonia. Before the meeting, he'd been out skiing, and was going again - that's how to stay young!

Our sincere sympathies to the Czyncon Family. Long time club member and mother of Director Janice -

Genevieve Therese Lechowski Czyncon

"passed away Jan. 22, with a nearly full moon shining on



her at her home Oakwood Village West in Madison. She was born Sept. 10, 1922, to Jacob & Mary (Beres) Lechowski in Chicago. Genevieve was united in marriage to Stanley Czyncon, and he preceded her in death in 1971. She was a dear

wife and mom, volunteer for the mother's club, USO, Democratic Party, her faith communities, and the Polish Heritage Club. "We will remember you always, loving Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, Sister, Cousin, Aunt and Friend." Funeral services were in Chicago at Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home & St. Tarcissus Catholic Church, with burial at St. Adalbert's. Memorial gifts can be sent to the Oakwood Foundation, 6201 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI 53705. Please designate the Continuing Care Fund or Nursing Scholarships as recipients of your gifts.

*The love you've given, The joy you've shared
 Have made beautiful Lasting memories.*

"SAINT ADALBERT on Milwaukee Ave, in Niles, Illinois is the largest Catholic Cemetery of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as measured in number of burials. Established in 1872 to serve Polish Catholics of the north side, it is named for the 10th century St. Adalbert, the first Polish saint...A nobleman, bishop, and founder of a monastery, he was martyred while preaching to the Prussians."
 " graveyards.com/IL/Cook/stadalbert/

Basia Pulz reached her father's home in Florida before he passed away on Jan. 25. See his story in next newsletter. *Are thoughts are with you, Basia & family.*

TRIPS TO POLAND 2011

By Rose Meinholz

POLAND A Week To Remember April 28-May 5 travel with former Milwaukee TV anchor Mike Miller on the Holiday Vacations™ tour featuring Warsaw & Krakow: the Black Madonna-Czestochowa, Wilanow Palace, Royal Castle in Warsaw, & Pope John Paul's birthplace. Departs from Milwaukee. (800) 826-2266 www.holidayvacations.net Keyword: wisn

The Lira Ensemble June 23 – July 6 invites you to join their Acclaimed Tour of NORTHERN POLAND & LITHUANIA. Lira's cultural tours are famous for being enjoyable and informative with great cuisine and good fun. Personally escorted by Lucyna Migala, artistic director. www.liraensemble.org LIRA WILL SHOW YOU THE POLAND OF YOUR DREAMS! CALL 773-508-7040 OR 1-800-547-5473



UW-Milwaukee's Summer Study

July 2 - Aug 8 at John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin, is open to students & the general public. Michael Mikoś,

Professor of Polish Language and Literature, leads this study of language (for all levels), culture, sightseeing. Also offered are 2-5 wk. courses. Tel. (414) 229-4151 mikos@uwm.edu www.lrc.uwm.edu/tour/

UW-Stevens Point (Nov. was deadline)

July 2-Aug 3 European Environmental Studies Seminar, Lectures and field studies on environmental problems & resource management practices in Germany, Poland, Iceland & other European countries. Poland section: July 3-14 Travel to Bialowieza, Krakow, & Czortosztyn. Investigate Natural Resource and Environmental problems/management in Southern Poland. Visit WWII historical sites. Visit Gorce and Tatra National Parks. Lectures, hikes and field trips covering industrial land management, forestry, wildlife and park management, and water resource monitoring. Also: The Study Abroad Change Your Life Program www.uwsp.edu/studyabroad/ AND: Feb 7 – Mar. 14 UWSP offers "Conversational Polish Class, Learn about Polish culture and customs" UWSP Cont. Ed, 715-346-3838 www.uwsp.edu/conted



UW-Madison's Program, at the Warsaw School of Economics, is co-sponsored with the Council on International Education

Exchange (CIEE). The 1st Friday in March is the fall semester deadline. The program is intended for students who have an interest in Poland and Central Europe, as well as political, social, and/or economic transformation from a state controlled to a democratic market-based system. Open to UW-Madison students only. Other students apply directly to CIEE. lworth@bascom.wisc.edu

STUDY IN WROCLAW.....



*June 24-July 21 www.newschool.edu/tcds

Experiencing the New Europe is organized by the International Institute for the Study of Culture and Education (IISCE) and SUNY Brockport (USA). The intensive program combines classroom study with on-site experiential learning in the transforming European urban context. iisce.org/index.php?id=1309

*July 2-16 *International Entrepreneurship - a Central European Perspective* Join the Undergraduate or Postgraduate group. <http://www.summerschool.pl>

*July 8-24 *Democracy & Diversity Summer Institute* THEME: *The World in Crisis: A Critical Reading*

Deadline Mar 14 The courses offered include:

- 'We the People': Nationalism, Ethnicity, Belonging
- Media and News in a Time of Crisis
- Romancing Violence : Theories
- Gender: Stable and Unstable



**Welcome to Wrocław on Your Own!* offers FREE self-guided tours prepared by students taking part in an international summer school in at the University of Lower Silesia in Wrocław. <http://wroclawonyourown.pl/>

IKO April 2-8 Toruń, July 23-29 Zakopane IKO is a private school registered with the Ministry of Education. *"Not for the faint-of-heart, this program is designed for serious students with a burning desire to rapidly improve their fluency in Polish. For maximum intensity, we have assigned our fittest instructors to train small groups, an energetic daily regime"* <http://www.iko.com.pl/> **Study Abroad in Poland**

<http://www.studyabroadlinks.com/> and www.studyabroad.com/programs/summer/poland

Kraków's International School of Polish Language offers 2 week language courses with a cultural program. The website advertises "probably the best and friendliest Polish language courses in Poland!" <http://www.polishcourse.org/index.php>

Culinary Vacations www.polandculinaryvacations.com/ July 3-9 and July 31-Aug 6 Silesia July 17-23, Aug 14-20, Sept 11-17 Krakow to Zakopane Aug 28-Sept 3, Sept 4-10 Mazovia and Warsaw

Catholic Pilgrimages & Spiritual Journeys with 206: www.206tours.com/ Tel. (800) 206-TOUR (8687) April 27 - May 7 "Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy" Sept. 28 - Oct. 8 "In the Footsteps of St. Faustina" "All are welcome! Our Spiritual Directors are Catholic Priests† They celebrate Mass every day."

"The world is a book, those who do not travel read only a page" - St. Augustine

EVENTS, MUSIC

February 13 Sunday 3 pm Chopin & Schubert A Concert-Lecture by Trevor Stephenson

At the home of Trevor & Rose Stephenson
5729 Forsythia Place, Madison WI 53705
Admission \$35 Light refreshments served
Reservations required (608) 238-6092 or
trevor@trevorstephenon.com

"On Sunday February 13 I'll give a recital of piano works Chopin & Schubert. The featured instruments will be the Victorian English Parlor Grand and our beloved English Cottage Upright "Fred." I'll play and discuss selections from Chopin's *Nocturnes Op. 9*, and some of the Mazurkas and Preludes. Schubert works include the *Three Piano Pieces (D. 946)*, and selections from the *Impromptus* and *Moment Musicaux*. I will also talk about the historical tunings used on these pianos, forms of Well Temperament, and I'll discuss how temperament is related to key color. We hope you can join us!"



1840 English Upright Piano

The early 19th-century pianos designed for home use provided intimacy and poetic capability. This instrument's poignant and gently swirling sound, famous for its vocal quality, is perfectly matched to the sensibility of the early romantic era ("I wandered lonely as a cloud"). Chopin's beloved studio instrument--an exquisite voice for the nocturnes, mazurkas, preludes, and waltzes.

Chopin

*Jan 24 MEDICAL HUMANITIES Spanish researchers, (a radiologist & a neurologist) wrote that Chopin's hallucinations may have come from temporal lobe epilepsy "they are usually brief, stereotyped and fragmentary." *CHOPIN WROTE: "... I was about to play the March when, suddenly, I saw emerging from the half-open case of my piano those cursed creatures that had appeared to me on a lugubrious night at the Carthusian monastery I had to leave for a while in order to recover myself, and after that I continued playing without saying a word."*

*CHOPIN'S STORY, filmed by Polish TV, narrated by Ian Gillan, of Deep Purple. See: youtube.com

First United States tour of.....



Opole Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra

"Maestro Dawidow and the Opole Philharmonic Orchestra offered great melodious lines, pathos and intense playing with great Slavic spirit." --Wiener Zeitung (November 2009)

The Opole Philharmonic Symphony was established in 1952 in the capital of Upper Silesia. They perform in Wroclaw's Festival of Contemporary Music, the Chopin Festival in Duszniki, the Moniuszko Festival in Kudowa-Zdroj, Poznan Musical Spring, and Warsaw's Festival of Jewish Culture Singers. It was the only Polish orchestra to perform at Pope John Paul II's 80th birthday in Rome. Performances closest to Madison are:

Feb. 26 Sat 8pm Edman Chapel - Wheaton, IL

Mozart, Overture to "Die Zauberflöte"

Chopin, Piano Concerto No. 1, Op. 11

Beethoven, Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67

Feb. 27 Sun 3 pm Coronado Theater - Rockford, IL

Vienna Gala Program

KlezmaFour, from Lublin, Poland, is touring the U.S. **Szymon Wozniczka** hopes to bring them to Madison.

Reviewer Keith Wolzinger wrote about their 2008 CD "There wasn't anything on the album that I didn't like. Klezmafour has hit on a new sound that, I believe, makes a bold statement on the future direction of Klezmer." The group's music uses Jewish and Balkan cultural traditions, plus their own compositions. Their goal is perfect harmony: "We want to create music in such a way as to sound like it coming from a single instrument. A skillful, balanced feeling of colors, proportion and dynamics --the goal since our founding."

Style: Klezmer / Klezmer Punk / Folk / Punk

Members:

Andrzej Czapliński - violin

Rafał Grząka - accordion

Gabriel Tomczuk - doublebass

Wojtek Czapliński - clarinet

Tomasz Waldowski - drums

Hometown: Lublin / Białystok



MadPolKA | Facebook **Szymon Wozniczka**

MadPolKA stands for Madison - Poland Kultural Action. I am interested in promoting Polish culture in Madison, in the state of Wisconsin and even Midwest. I hope that this page will serve as a meeting place for people passionate about this topic. szymon2005@sbcglobal.net



Thank you to Tyrone Greive for this information from...

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Polish Music Center, University of Southern California
http://www.usc.edu/dept/polish_music/news/jan11.html#perf

Tyrone Greive's Nov. 8 concert at UW-Madison celebrated the anniversary birthdays of Chopin, Wieniawski and Paderewski. His article "The Appearance of the Violin in Poland and Italian Links to Paths of Polish Royal Patronage" was published in the 2009 Summer issue of the Journal of the Violin Society of America: VSA Papers, Vol. XXII, No. 1. The second half of the 16th century was the "Golden Age" of violin. King Zygmunt I Stary " (King of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania from 1506 until 1548) was the husband of Italian born Queen Bona Sforza.

A Centennial Celebration of Roman Totenberg was held Nov. 1 at Boston's Symphony Hall. He was born Łódź on Jan. 1, 1911, and made his debut at age 12 as a soloist with the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra. He toured with Arthur Rubinstein, and has given joint recitals with Karol Szymanowski. For five decades Mr. Totenberg "has been a central figure in Boston's musical community....(and) his influence on classical music can be heard every day in orchestras and music schools across the nation. His extraordinary talent as a violinist has inspired a lifelong career as a teacher and mentor to countless musicians around the globe. His unflinching dedication to guiding young performers into becoming world-class artists continues to this day." A film featured remembrances by his three daughters (Nina is a NP Radio correspondent). Cokie Roberts emceed the special tribute. The concert was the first performance to be webcast from Symphony Hall.
www.bu.edu/cfa/totenberg100

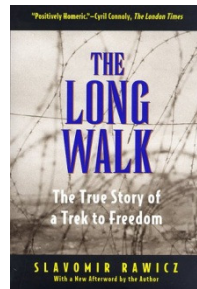
A tribute to Irena Anders (1910-2110), widow of General Anders, told about her career as a singer and actress who toured with Henryk Wars' band.

Jan. 22-28 New York City – Alice Tulley Hall
Polish Modern: New Directions in Polish Music Since 1945 was presented by the Juilliard School in collaboration with the Polish Cultural Institute. The school's annual mid-winter festival of 'new' music this year featured 6 free concerts, a film and a panel discussion. Some of the composers: Krzysztof Penderecki, Boguslaw Schaeffer, Kazimierz Serocki, Krzysztof Knittel, Aleksander Lason, Marian Sawa, Stanislaw Moryto, Pawel Mykietyn, Aleksandra Gryka, Wojciech Zimowit Zych.,
<http://www.juilliard.edu/press/releases/current/2011-FOCUS.html>



Nov 8, 2010 Three Poles completed a six-month expedition after following the historic trail of Polish prisoners who escaped a Soviet labor camp during World War II. Tomasz Grzywaczewski, Bartosz Malinowski and Filip Drozd, wanted to" raise young people's awareness about Polish history and to restore the memory of the heroic escape. "They crossed over 4,350 miles on foot so as not to die a prisoner at a gulag, but to be free," Grzywaczewski told Polish Radio.

Jan 21 at Eastgate and Point Theaters **THE WAY BACK**
 Dir: Peter Weir. Jim Sturgess, Ed Harris, Colin Farrell.



"The film is based on a memoir by Slavomir Rawicz depicting his escape from a Siberian gulag and subsequent 4000-mile walk to freedom in India." Sławomir Rawicz (b.1915 Warsaw-d.2004 England) joined the Polish Army Reserve in 1937. The book sold over 500,000 copies. Madison Public library has 8 copies.

Jan 17 at the 9th Pune International Film Festival in India Borys Lankosz won the best director award for *Rewers* **THE REVERSE** The B&W film "takes a novel approach to ...the Stalinist period of 1948-1956."

Jan 26 Sundance Festival in Utah....Robert Redford's event premiered 90 films from 28 countries. Jakub Stożek received Honorable Mention for *Poza zasięgiem* **OUT OF REACH** about two young girls re-building their family life. The Polish-Swedish production, **THE MILL AND THE CROSS**, set in 1564, was filmed in Silesia. Rutger Hauer plays Pieter Bruegel, Polish actress Joanna Litwin is the painter's wife, Michael York an art collecting banker, & Charlotte Rampling is Mary.

Poland's nominee for the 2011 Academy Awards was **ALL THAT I LOVE** *Wszystko co kocham*. In the spring of 1981, in a little seaside town, four 18-year-olds form their own punk-rock band. Meanwhile, the Solidarity movement initiates a massive wave of protests...

2011 FILM FESTIVALS:

Mar. 30 - April 3 - WI Film Festival downtown Madison

Sept-Oct - Milwaukee Film Festival

October - Chicago International Film Festival

November - Chicago's Polish Film Festival in America.

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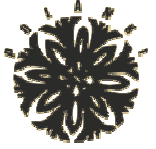
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