

*The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas*



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## PFDA NEWSLETTER

2nd Quarter 2009

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Wesołego Alleluia to all of you. Spring is finally here. I look forward to all the upcoming Church festivals and the opportunity to share our beautiful Polish customs and traditions with our communities.

The PFDA Board of Directors met and approved the Proposal for the 2010 Regina Festival. See our WEB site for a copy of the minutes. Their planning has already begun, and the Board authorized the Seed Money for deposits on the facilities. Daniel Smela will be following up with additional details. Please respond in a timely manner to his surveys and correspondence so your requests can be considered and their planning can proceed smoothly.

Recently we have had two instances of a portion of our logo being used by non-member organizations. In both cases the PFDA logo dancers were copied, one into a program book and the other in a Polish paper published in New York, which Stanley Pelc brought to my attention. I will be sending a letter to both of these organizations expressing their infringement of our logo and that the PFDA logo is sole property of the Association and to refrain from using it in the future.

Our current members, in good standing, are welcome to use the entire logo, as represented above, as long as you qualify it with the verbiage, "...is a member of" with the logo. If you are planning to use the logo in any of your advertising please notify us so we can send you camera ready art work for your ad. The two instances that I saw were copies and looked bad. Please notify me immediately, at my new e-mail address [pfdaa\\_president@yahoo.com](mailto:pfdaa_president@yahoo.com), if you see our logo being used by a non member organization or if you have questions about using it for your group.

## **Polish Fest at Milwaukee**

The PFDDA will again be having a Gala Performance from 6:00 – 7:30 on Saturday evening June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If you would like to perform at Polish Fest either this year or in the future ,please contact Janine Adamczyk at [jadamczyk@directs.com](mailto:jadamczyk@directs.com) . The PFDDA is not involved in the booking of any Ensembles at Polish Fest weekend. Our only involvement is the coordination of our member groups for the Gala performance.

If you would like to participate in the Gala Performance please email me, at [pfdaa\\_president@yahoo.com](mailto:pfdaa_president@yahoo.com). Also include a small description of the suite/dance you would like to perform, for introduction purposes, along with the time of each suite/dance and we will coordinate accordingly. This is always a great venue to showcase the members of the association and perform before a great Milwaukee audience.

## **Twin Cities Polish Festival - Performance Opportunity of Member Groups**

Twin Cities Polish Festival is looking for performing groups to participate in the Festival on Aug 15 & 16, 2009. Please check out the web site for application forms.

[www.tcpolishfestival.org](http://www.tcpolishfestival.org)

## **2010 PFDDA Festival – Regina, Canada**

“The Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of Regina will be hosting the next PFDDA festival in summer of 2010 (June 27th to July 3rd 2010). Planning for the festival is still in the beginning stages but here are a few details.

The site for 2010 PFDDA Festival will be the University Of Regina. The location offers a one stop location for everything a festival needs. The newly constructed dorms offer comfortable lodging with full food services. All workshops will be led by choreographers from Poland and will be at held at the University within walking distance from the dorms. Currently Polonia is planning for 4 days of workshops similar to the format of the PFDDA Chicago Festival in 2007. The Gala concert will be held on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Saskatchewan’s Premium Theatre “The Conexus Arts Centre”. Plans are also in the works to organize different social and site seeing excursions along with other performances throughout the week. More details about the festival will be made available in the months to come, including surveys and questionnaires needing input from member groups on what they want to see and do while in Regina.

## **7th World Children's Polish Folk Dancing Festival Iwonicz Zdroj Poland:**

The Children's Festival will be held on July 16-23, 2009. Full details can be found in Polish at <http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/> but here is a short list of the requirements:

- Cost \$700 PLN per dancer
- Dancers up to the age of 16
- Must have own music
- Groups must send applications and video to Poland
- Groups must submit a DVD of the dances they would like to take to Poland.

## **Studium dla Choreografów- Rzeszow**

Offered by Wspolnota Polska will be taking place in Rzeszow from July 5th to July 26th 2009. Full details can be found in Polish at <http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/> but here is a short list of the requirements:

- Candidates must be 18 years old,
- Have danced for at least 5 years.
- Maximum 2 members from each group
- Cost for attending the course is responsibility of the student
- Application deadline April 30th 2009
- Cost 700 PLN paid by bank Transfer

## **STUDIUM FOLKLORYSTYCZNE – Lublin**

Offered by UNIWERSYTETU MARIII CURIE - SKŁODOWSKIEJ W LUBLINIE. From July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Full details can be obtained by contacting the university.

- Candidates must be 18 years old
- Have danced for at least 5 years.
- Cost for attending the course is covered by the University
- Application deadline May 31<sup>st</sup> 2009

**Zespół Tańca Ludowego Uniwersytetu Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej  
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fax: (48)-81-5375102, lub 5333669 e-mail: ztl@umcs.lublin.pl.**

## **Membership News:**

The Polish Heritage Dancers of WNY are named the 2008 Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year for Heritage and dancer Corinne Lasek is named the 2008 Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year in the Youth category. There will be a luncheon on May 3rd that the group will be attending for the presentation of awards. Congrats goes out to Corinne from the PFDAA.

### **PFDAA Welcomes Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble from Warren, MI to the membership.**

"Established in 2008, the Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble is an adult Folk Song and Dance Ensemble named after the region located at the foot of the Tatra Mountains in southern most part of Poland. "Zakopane" is also known as the capital of the Tetras', Poland's winter capital. Our primary mission is to teach traditional and regional dances of Poland. We will also provide various activities and learning experiences to teach and promote our Polish heritage. Our hope is that the mixture of dance and Polish cultural activities will impart an enduring pride in our heritage and the desire to continue learning the rich customs and traditions of our ancestors."

### **PFDAA Welcomes Polonez from San Diego, CA to the membership**

"Polonez was started 18 years ago by Ewa Chrzanowski. Our group consists of members ranging in age from 18 to 50. We have performed all over California, Miss Poland of California, and at various festivals. In 2010 we will celebrate 20 years of existence with a big concert. We dance to promote Polish culture and tradition."

**Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble** - is looking for new and used costumes that anyone may be selling. Please contact Tommy Lisiecki- [zakopanedancers@yahoo.com](mailto:zakopanedancers@yahoo.com)

### **New and Used Costumes for Sale:**

If you have costumes you want to sell or are looking for a set of costumes let the PFDAA know and we can run your request in our quarterly Newsletter.

## **PFDAA Yearly Membership Fees for 2009 are due:**

Please send a cheque for \$35.00 USD to:

PFDAA Treasurer  
c/o Monica Pazdziora  
8520 W. 91st St. Hickory Hills, IL 60457  
USA

## **Thank you to the following groups that have sent in their Membership fees for 2009:**

Echoes of Poland Song & Dance Ensemble, Toledo, OH  
Krakowiacy Arvada, CO,  
Krakusy Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Los Angeles, CA,  
Lechici Dancers of the PSO Chicago, IL  
Lajkonik Dancing Group Chicago, IL  
Marek Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Lopez, PA  
Polonez San Diego, CA  
Polonia Dance Ensemble Regina, SK,  
Polonia Song & Dance Ensemble Pittsburgh, PA  
PRCUA Choreographers Chicago, IL

## **Newsletter Articles:**

If your group is celebrating a special event or would like to get the word out about an event please feel free to submit a newsletter article to: [pfdaa@sasktel.net](mailto:pfdaa@sasktel.net) and it will be published in our next newsletter. Newsletters are published quarterly, every 3 months, January, April, July and October.

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