

# The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



## PFDA NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011

### *Memo from Misia*

Dear PFDA Members and Friends:

2011 has literally taken a number of PFDA members for a spin on “Dancing with the Stars” – Rzeszow, 2011. Looking forward to the International Festival of Polish Folk Ensembles in Rzeszow, Poland, has been a tradition that most Polish folk dance groups the world over aspire to attend and most groups participate in. The former part of this statement rings ever true with a record breaking 55 dance ensembles applying by the March 1, 2011 deadline. The latter is sadly a heartbreaker for 15 ensembles as the time constraints for the Gala Concerts, financial obligations and artistic pressures within the organization of “Rzeszow 2011” have changed the scenario and they were not “accommodated”. Our PFDA Banner Group which was comprised of three ensembles did not qualify because of the unique nature of this “project”.

On behalf of the PFDA Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate all the dance groups for submitting their applications. To all those who were accepted, we send our “kudos” and wish you the Best of Luck. To all whose dreams have been postponed – “if at first you don’t succeed, try, try again!” I know this is little consolation now, but keep doing what you are doing and NEVER EVER GIVE UP!

The Rzeszow Festival is the “Mother of all Polish Folk Dance Festivals” without a doubt. But our PFDA Festivals are one of its offspring and maybe we can spark new interest among our members and make our groups more competitive for Rzeszow 2014.



**HAPPY SPRING!**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

**WESOŁEGO ALLELUJA!**

**SMACZNEGO JAJKA!**

## **RZESZÓW FESTIVAL 2011:**

For more information about the festival be sure to check out Wspolnota Webpage:  
<http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/>

## **PFDAА Poland 2011 PRETOUR**

The PFDAА Pre-Tour is a go 65 PFDAА members from Dolina Polish Folk Dancers, Minneapolis and Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of PRCUA, Chicago will be heading off to Poland one week earlier this year and taking part in what promises to be a fun pack week of performances and excursions.

## **SEMINAR FOR CHOREOGRAPHERS (STUDIUM DLA CHOREOGRAFÓW) Rzeszow - July 3 – 24, 2011**

Offered by Wspolnota Polska will be taking place in Rzeszow from July 3rd to July 24th 2011. 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 15th 2011

## **FOLK SEMINAR (STUDIUM FOLKLORYSTYCZNE) – Lublin July 4 -31, 2011**

Offered by UNIWERSYTETU MARIИ CURIE - SKŁODOWSKIEJ W LUBLINIE. Full details can be found in Polish at [www.studiumfolk.umcs.lublin.pl](http://www.studiumfolk.umcs.lublin.pl) but here is a short list of the requirements:

- Candidates must be 18 years old
- Have danced for at least 5 years.
- Cost for attending the course is responsibility of the student
- Application deadline April 30th 2011

## **POLISH FEST JUNE 2011 – MILWAUKEE, WI**

PFDA member groups interested in performing at the Polish Fest next summer are encouraged to contact Janine Adamczyk at [jadamczyk@directs.com](mailto:jadamczyk@directs.com) for more information on how to be a part of PolishFest next summer. For more information about the event please check out [www.polishfest.org](http://www.polishfest.org).

*PFDA GALA at Polish Fest – June 18, 2011 - any and all PFDA ensembles that are interested in participating please let Dan Smela know.*

## **TWIN CITIES POLISH FESTIVAL - AUG 13-14, 2011**

Twin Cities Polish Festival is looking for a variety of entertainment for this year's Festival: Dance, groups, individuals, choirs, storytellers, Folk, rock, classical, modern are all welcome please take a look at the entertainment forms on line at: [www.tcpolishfestival.org](http://www.tcpolishfestival.org)

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

*The Lajkonik Song and Dance Ensemble* will celebrate its 20th Anniversary with a Gala Concert on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Cultural and Civic Center, Chicago, Illinois. In 1991 Marek and Ewa Kuś founded the group with a handful of enthusiastic students with the goal of promoting Polish folk songs and dances here in the United States. Since then, the group has blossomed to over 100 members in five different age groups. The passion and dedication of these young performers has garnered them support from an ever-increasing circle of friends, supporters and sponsors. Since May of 1997, Halina Misterka has been the Artistic Director and Choreographer.

*On behalf of the PFDA Board of Directors and all its members,  
sincere congratulations are extended  
to the Lajkonik Song and Dance Ensemble – STO LAT!!!!*

## **PFDA Bylaws Update:**

At the last PFDA AGM meeting in Regina in 2010, a motion was made to update the PFDA bylaws, attached is an updated copy of the bylaws.

## **NEW AND USED COSTUMES FOR SALE**

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

## **PFDAA Yearly Membership Fees for 2011 are due**

The PFDAA thanks the following group for submitting their 2011 Membership fees:

"Dolina Polish Folk Dancers Minneapolis, MN"  
"Harmony Polish Folk Ensemble Tonawanda, NY"  
"Hejnal Polish-American Dancers Long Island, NY"  
"Janosik Dancers Philadelphia, PA"  
"Lajkonik Dancing Group Chicago, IL"  
"Lechici Dancers of the PSO Chicago, IL"  
"Lowiczanie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble San Francisco, CA"  
"Mazur Polish Canadian Dancers Of Edmonton Soc. Edmonton, AB"  
"Polanie Polish Song & Dance Ensemble Calgary, AB"  
"Polish Heritage Dancers Buffalo, NY"  
"Polish Intercollegiate Club of Philadelphia – PKM Philadelphia, PA"  
"Polonia Dance Ensemble Regina, SK"  
"Polonia Song & Dance Ensemble Pittsburgh, PA"  
"Radomianie Dearborn, MI"  
"Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Milwaukee, WI"  
"Wawel Folk Ensemble Detroit, MI"  
"Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of PRCUA Chicago, IL"  
"Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble Warren, MI"

**For those groups that have not submitted their fees for 2011 please send a check in the amount of \$35.00 USD to:**

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## **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 every 4 months (March, June, Sept, and December).



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