

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter 2012

Wesołego Alleluia and happy springtime. As we all know, it's becoming increasingly more difficult to get good quality music from Poland for the various regions of Polish Folk Dancing. The PFDA board has been actively looking to hire a reliable Kapela to record studio quality music for the PFDA membership to use for their groups. We are currently in the process of acquiring music for the regions of Śląsk Opole, Górnego Śląska and Pszczyń, (which were all taught at the instructor's workshop in Chicago a couple years back). The final version of the music should be ready by this fall and will be produced in such a way that you can arrange the songs into a suite that suits your needs. Each song will have 1 opening melody, 1 closing melody with 2-3 different intonations /octaves/ depending on the song. As the work progresses we will keep your group up to date on how to get your very own copy of the music.

Membership Fee Renewal for 2012:

With the New Year upon us it is time to renew your membership fee of \$35.00 USD for the entire year. Please send a cheque to:

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

For those groups that have not paid yet a separate email will follow the newsletter as a reminder.

Studium dla Choreografów- Rzeszow - July 8 – 29, 2012

Offered by Wspolnota Polska will be taking place in Rzeszow from July 8th – 29, 2012.

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 2012

POLISH FEST JUNE 2012 – MILWAUKEE, WI

PFDAА member groups interested in performing at the Polish Fest next summer are encouraged to contact Janine Adamczyk at jadamczyk@directs.com for more information on how to be a part of Polish Fest next summer. For more information about the event please check out www.polishfest.org.

PFDAА GALA at Polish Fest – Any and all PFDAА ensembles that are interested in participating please let Dan Smela know.

TWIN CITIES POLISH FESTIVAL - AUGUST 2012

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

Membership News:

The PFDAA would like to congratulate **The Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble** on their 35th Anniversary that took place on March 18, 2012. Wesley Lud has been a part of the PFDAA since the very beginning and is one of its founding members.

The PFDAA would like to congratulate **The Polish Dance Ensemble SPK Iskry** on their upcoming 45th Anniversary and Concert on Sunday June 17, 2012. For more information please see poster below:



Polish National Dances Workshops in Denver, CO Dates changed



Polish National Dances Workshop in Denver, CO

10-year Anniversary of

Polish Folk Dancers KRAKOWIACY

Friday, September 28, 2012	(I)	3:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, September 29, 2012	(II)	9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
	(III)	2:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

National Dances of Poland

- Mazur • Oberek • Kujawiak •

Choreographers: Zofia and Jan Czechlewski

- Professional dancers, solo performers from Śląsk Ensemble
- Former manager and manager assistant of the ballet group in Śląsk Ensemble
- Managers of multiple Polish folk groups in Poland
- Experts with many awards from the Minister of Culture of Poland
- Recognized as the highest class specialists by organizations in Poland as well as internationally
- Most recently managed series of summer workshops in Koszęcin, Poland, the headquarters of Śląsk

Workshop cost: \$200 (for groups/individuals who are willing to participate in Krakowiacy concert on Sunday, there will be a \$50 discount)

Sunday, September 30: Concert with Krakowiacy 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact: krakowiacy@krakowiacy.net

More info: www.krakowiacy.net/workshop_2012.html

If you're interested, reserve your spot as soon as you can in order for us to best plan this fun weekend in Colorado. Spaces are limited! We are flexible to modify the program for better group accommodations if necessary.



New and Used Costumes for Sale

1. The Wawel Folk Ensemble of Detroit Michigan is selling the following new and used costumes, if interested please contact Donna at: dntskur@att.net:

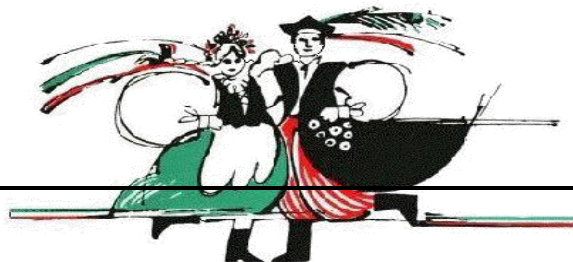
2 pair of black girls/women's Polish boots.
1 pr. size 33, worn twice - \$125 (has rubber soles & ~1.5" wooden heel)
1 pr. size 34, brand new - \$150 (~1" wooden heel)
8 women's Podhale slippers - \$40 each.
Prices do not include shipping
2. The Pomorze Polish dance ensemble in Halifax, Nova Scotia is looking to purchase children's krakowiak costumes, if any PFDA A member groups have any kids krakowiak costumes in good shape that they would like to sell, please contact Jerry Kowalski at choreographer@pomorzedance.com
3. Polish folk dance ensemble Michas in Virginia Beach Virginia" looking for a couple pairs of Gorklaski Pants size 38, and would like to purchase, trade or borrow for their upcoming concert in April. If you have these items and can help out Michael please send him an email: mlevinsky1@cox.net

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

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 and it will be published in our next newsletter. Newsletters are published every 4 months (March, June, Sept, and December).

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