

# *The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas*



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## PFDA NEWSLETTER

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### **Polish Fest at Milwaukee –Tom Skurski**

It was great to see so many of you in Milwaukee. After the torrential rains moved out on Friday it was an absolutely beautiful weekend. The PFDA Annual Gala performance was again a great success. Seven groups performed, Lajkonik, Polish Falcons, Radomanie, Syrena/Syrenka, Wawel and our newest member Zakopane. The Groups presented ten beautiful numbers that showed the diversity of our Polish Folk dances. For the final number of the show Syrena performed an exciting new Spisz suite and their President, Jarek Wiazowski, made a presentation honoring three of their members. Congratulations to Ada Dziewanska, Neil Dziadulewicz and Ted Dziadulewicz for thirty years in the group. As the ensembles came out for their final bow they received an outstanding ovation by a very appreciative audience.

2010 will mark the tenth annual PFDA Gala performance at Polish Fest. Our first was back in 2000 when Syrena hosted the Folk Dance Festival. I hope that we can have a good showing to commemorate this anniversary. If you would like to perform at Polish Fest during the weekend and partake in the Gala performance 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. It is truly a fun weekend.

With regard to the Folk Stage conditions, I spoke to Janine on Sunday and she said that there have been discussions with the committee and they plan to budget for a wooden stage in that area next year. For those who aren't familiar with the situation the dance area is an outdoor basketball court surface, over concrete, which can become extremely hot and uncomfortable to perform on.

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

“The Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of Regina will be hosting the next PFDA festival in summer of 2010 (June 27th to July 4th 2010). Please take the time to review the mailing that went out at the end of June the survey is especially important to get a feel of what you think about festival in 2010 and what you would like to see and do. If you have any questions about the festival please feel free to contact: Daniel Smela – Festival Chair either by email [pfdaa@sasktel.net](mailto:pfdaa@sasktel.net) or telephone @ 1-306-924-5622.

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

The Children’s Festival will be held on July 16-23, 2009. The following PFDA affiliated groups are attending the festival this summer:

- KRAKUSY – Calgary Canada
- KUJAWIAK – Edmonton Canada
- WESOŁY LUDEK- Chicago U.S.A

A complete program and list of qualifying groups can be found in Polish at <http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/>

**Two Friends Publishing:** Janina Dobkowski and Maria Bielski life time members of the Polish American Folk Dance Company NY have published a book and CD set “**Two Friends They Went A ‘Dancing’**”. It’s a book with musical score and movement instructions for some popular Polish children’s singing games and dances. They have written this book to make Polish children’s dance accessible in the world and music community. Please contact Janina or Maria at [twofriends@optonline.net](mailto:twofriends@optonline.net) for more information or to purchase a copy.

**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)

**The Janosik Polish Dance Ensemble** – is seeking NEW OR GENTLY USED KIERPCE for men and women. Please contact Ann Louise at 215-295-9330 if you have some for sale or know of any contacts that may.

**The PFDAA wishes The WICI Song and Dance Company:** a safe trip to Italy where they will participate in a 12 day long festival in Sardinia. The festival is an international festival and will have groups participating from all over the world including Ukraine, Romania, Russia, Argentina and many more.

**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, if you haven't already please send a cheque for \$35.00 USD to:**

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