

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

2nd Quarter 2012

Dear PFDA Members and Friends:

Future PFDA Festival 2013

The Dolina Polish Folk Dancers of the Twin Cities will be hosting the 2013 PFDA Festival & the PFDA 30th Anniversary Celebration. They are in the early planning stages and would like some feedback from the groups belonging to the association to best meet the needs of the majority. If you have not already, please take a minute to fill out the survey to help make this event a success:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22FZMCK276N>

8th World Children's Polish Folk Dancing Festival Iwonicz Zdroj Poland:

The Children's Festival will be held on July 20-25, 2012. The following PFDA affiliated groups are attending the festival this summer:

- KRAKUSY – Calgary Canada
- Oberek – Edmonton Canada
- Tatry – Windsor, Canada
- Krakusy – L.A USA
- Lakonik - Chicago, USA

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

Polish Capela – Akordissimo from Koszalin, Poland

Are looking for other venues//cities to perform in. They are free to go anywhere from the 13th thru the 21st of August. In exchange for their performance they are looking for host groups to cover accommodations and travel costs from and to Minnesota, additional payment optional. Please contact Edziu Rajtar for more details: edziur@aol.com

Group Bio: This classical accordion ensemble is a part of the larger, renowned Accordion Orchestra CHORD of Koszalin. The award winning Akordissimo Quintet has toured in Poland, Europe and China. In 2011 Akordissimo won First Place at the European Youth Festival in Belgium and was awarded the Grand Prix at the International Accordion Competition in Russia. Akordissimo's repertoire includes classical, jazz, tango and other contemporary genres. This is Akordissimo's first visit to America. Let's show them a warm Polish welcome when they perform at the Twin Cities Polish Festival.

Akordissimo will be performing on the Cultural stage both Saturday and Sunday. For more information about Akordissimo, visit their web site at: <http://www.akord.koszalin.prv.pl>.

POLISH FEST JUNE 2012 – MILWAUKEE, WI

Over the weekend of June 15 -17, 2012, the city of Milwaukee was host to the 31st Anniversary of its PolishFest. In addition to individual 30 minute performances by dance groups, there is a PFDAA GALA. The concept of a "Gala Concert" at Milwaukee's PolishFest was originally introduced by Marian Hansen, then the Entertainment Chair of the event and also the Director the Polish Falcons District II Dance Group (also a PFDAA Member). Then in 2000, Milwaukee's own Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble hosted a PFDAA Festival with the PFDAA Gala at PolishFest. Neil Dziadulewicz was the Chairperson; his co-chair was Glenn Ramski. Since then, Polish Fest has hosted a PFDAA Gala and this year was no different. The following PFDAA groups participated in the PFDAA Gala this year:

1. Lajkonik Dancing Group -Chicago, IL
2. Polanie Dance Ensemble from Arlington Heights - Chicago
3. Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble - Milwaukee, WI
4. Wici Song & Dance Company - Chicago, IL
5. Zakopane Polish Folk Dance Ensemble - Warren, MI

PFDAA member groups interested in performing at the Polish Fest next summer are encouraged to contact Janine Adamczyk at janineadamczyk@hotmail.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.

New online PFDA Membership Renewal payment option:

There is now a new way to renew your PFDA membership fees yearly. We recently upgraded our website to accept secure online payments, as many groups in the past have asked for an easier way to pay their annual membership fee. Please note that groups can still continue to mail in their renewal fees if they wish as in the past, for those groups that are interested in using the new online option please follow the instructions below:

1. Log on to the PFDA website: www.pfdaa.org
2. Click on the Donate button at the bottom of the webpage:



3. The following secure payment page will be displayed:

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Please enter your donation amount and click Update Total.

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4. Then enter in your membership fees for the year \$35.00USD (please note those groups paying their membership fees online there is 5% service charge to cover the cost of the online transaction charged to us by the vendor). Please add this service charge to the \$35.00 membership fee when making payment.
5. Next click on the update total button and wait for the webpage to refresh.

6. Next choose your method of secure online payment (credit card or PayPal account).
7. Once an payment option is chosen and submitted you will be taken to the next screen:

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Daniel, please review your donation 

To complete your payment, review the details below and click **Donate**.

Purpose	Donation amount	Total
PFDA	\$35.00	\$35.00
Add special instructions to the seller		
<input type="text" value="PFDA Membership Renewal for Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, Regina, Canada"/>		
Total:		\$35.00 USD

8. Once the page loads please enter comments into the special instructions section as follows:
 - i. Group Name , City, Country
 - ii. Group Contact – email address, phone number
 - iii. Payment reason: Renewal Fees for 2012
9. If you have any questions about the online payment option please contact PFDAA Treasure @ monicapaz@ymail.com

Membership fee renewal can still be submitted by post if you prefer. Please send your membership renewal of \$35.00 USD to:

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

Membership News:

The PFDAA would like to welcome Cracovia Polish Dance Ensemble of London, Ontario to them membership. Cracovia came into existence in 1955 in London, Ontario and presently has a membership of 50 dancers. Cracovia has performed locally, regionally and internationally, having participated in recent years three times at the International Folklore Festival in Rzeszow. They have also organized and hosted their own annual folklore festival for the past 18 years, where we have had the pleasure of welcoming dance groups from surrounding areas, and even Poland. Our executive consists of Grazyna Rodak, president; Hedy Orłowski, vice; Krystyna Malek, treasurer; and Joanna Wozniak, secretary.

Polish National Dances Workshop in Denver, Colorado (September 28 – 30, 2012)



The preparations for the Polish National Dances Workshop in Denver are coming along and Polish Folk Dancers Krakowiacy are getting ready for the fun weekend at the end of September.

The mazur, kujawiak and oberek weekend is only two months away! We have currently over 70 participants interested, including:

Wawel Folk Ensemble, Detroit - Michigan
Tatry Song & Dance Ensemble, Windsor - Ontario, CANADA
Dolina Polish Folk Dancers, Twin Cities - Minnesota
Postoley Dance Ensemble, Boulder - Colorado
Lechici Dancers of the PSO, Chicago - Illinois
Zajaczek Dance Ensemble, PRCUA, Detroit - Michigan
Wesoły Lud Polish Folk Dance Company, Chicago - Illinois
Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston, Boston - Massachusetts

While awaiting final registrations from individuals and the groups, the details are being worked on to make sure of the workshop success. Weather permitting, we are planning barbecue evening on Friday night to welcome and meet all the participants. For Saturday we are scheduling a Denver visiting trip in the morning and a party in the Polish Club of Denver with live music in the evening. On Sunday, before participating in the Polish mass at our St. Joseph's Church we are planning to take everybody to see beautiful Red Rocks Amphitheatre. Finally, we are happy to announce that some participants will also take part in our gala concert on Sunday afternoon. This way we will have an opportunity to share the talents of other North-American Polish folk dance groups with the local Colorado Polish-American community. Some members of Krakowiacy group met in Poland in mid-month July with Zofia and Jan Czechlewski. Our workshop choreographers follow closely all the updates and additions to the plans for the workshop and are ready to work with us and help us all improve in the area of mazur, kujawiak and oberek. We are very excited about this upcoming event!

For more details and to follow updates to the workshop plans see the website: www.krakowiacy.net/workshop_2012.html

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 member groups have any kids krakowiak costumes in good shape that they would like to sell, please contact Jerry Kowalski at choreographer@pomorzdance.com

3. Sets of Polish costumes for Sale:

Jan Letowski is selling the following sets of Costumes please contact him directly for more details:

1. Highlander folk costumes from Zywiec – 4 Women's and 6 men's. Each woman's costume includes a wool floral print skirt (4), embroidered velvet vest (4), white slip (3), and white apron (4). One woman's costume does not have a slip. There are also four white blouses that were worn with these costumes for performances, but they are not original to Zywiec. I will include these for free if desired. Each man's costume includes embroidered wool pants (6), wool vest with metal buttons (6), shirt (3), wide leather belt (6), and hat (6). Three costumes do not have shirts, but could be copied and made to match the existing ones. I can send images upon request. The costumes are all in very good condition with some expected wear and perspiration to the shirts and pant cuffs.

I would like to sell the complete set of 10 Zywiec costumes for around \$1,900 or best offer.

I also have several elements of women's Lowicz costume (no embroidery) - a three-piece costume (dress, apron, jacket) and four extra dresses (kiecki). I would be happy to sell all of these together for around \$350 + shipping. I can send photos upon request.

Please contact Jan directly at strojeludowe@gmail.com

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.

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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