

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

3rd Quarter 2012

Dear PFDA Members and Friends:

Future PFDA Festival 2013

Celebrate the PFDA's 30th anniversary in Minnesota this summer!

The next PFDA Festival will be held July 13-20, 2013, in the Twin Cities. The Dolina Polish Folk Dancers of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., are excited to welcome PFDA member groups for a week of workshops with choreographers from Poland, sight-seeing in and around the Twin Cities, and getting to know other Polish folk dancers from across the U.S. and Canada. The Festival will end with a Gala concert with performances from attending groups. As details are finalized, they will be added to <http://www.Dolina.org/PFDA2013> & the <http://www.PFDA.org> website.

PFDA Music Project Update

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 Slask Opole, Gorny Slask and Psczyn, (which were all taught at the instructor's workshop in Chicago a couple years back). The final version is being recorded in the month of November should be ready by the end of the year. The music 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 you're very own copy of the music.

PFDA 30th DVD:

- The PFDA will be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary in 2013. In commemoration of the anniversary, the Board of Directors has decided to prepare a dvd that will include clips of and from our Ensembles. Please email a slideshow of photos or video clips (up to 10 minutes in duration) of your ensemble to Konrad Wiêcek, lechici@aol.com.
- Whereby we don't want to limit you in what to include, here are some ideas:
- --how the PFDA has impacted your ensemble (new materials, new friends, new contacts, marriages, etc.)
- --how your ensemble looked when it joined the PFDA and how it looks now
- --interviews with dancers sharing their best memories of a PFDA festival or event
- --a video clip of your favorite suite you presented at a PFDA festival or event
- Feel free to be creative.

Artistic Summer School in Koszêcin, Poland

- For the past six years, The Śląsk Folk Dance Ensemble of Poland, has held a summer seminar at their headquarters in Koszêcin. This year, eleven members from two PFDA ensembles, Krakowiacy (Denver, CO) and Lechici (Chicago, IL), participated in the ten-day seminar. In addition to learning regional and national dances of Poland, the participants learned dance technique and Hugarian dances, along with a smattering of modern dance. Click on this link to read an article about the seminar:
- <http://www.zespolslask.pl/pl/aktualnosci/2540/ruszyly-warsztaty-polskich-tancow-ludowych-i-narodowych-w-zespole-slask/>
 - Four two-hour sessions, conducted by lead dancers from Śląsk and other renowned choreographers from throughout Poland, were held each day. Each evening, informal activities were held, including a folk night, where people could dance to music from across Europe, a video night, and a barbeque. Because the seminar was held on the grounds of Śląsk's headquarters, classes were held in the same halls in which Śląsk rehearses. Participants also had an opportunity to tour Śląsk's costume rooms and get to know some of

the ensemble's performers and staff. The seminar concluded with a concert culminating ten days of hard work. Click on the following link for an article about the final concert:

- <http://www.zespolslask.pl/pl/aktualnosci/2559/podsumowanie-warsztatow-polskich-tancow-ludowych-i-narodowych-za-nami/>

Membership News:

The PFDAA would like to congratulate The Polish Folk Dancers Krakowiacy on their 10th Anniversary that took place over the weekend of September 28-30 which included a Gala concert and workshops on the National Dances of Poland. For this event the following PFDAA groups were in attendance:

- Dolina Polish Folk Dancers – Minneapolis/St.Paul, MN
- Krakowiak Polish Dancers – Boston, MA
- Polish Folk Dancers Krakowiacy - Denver, CO
- Tatry Song and Dance Ensemble – Windsor, ONT
- Wawel Folk Ensemble – Detroit, MI
- Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Company of PRCUA – Chicago, IL

Choreographer Course Graduates 2012

The PFDAA congratulates the following PFDAA members in completing the 4 year choreographer's course in Rzeszow Poland:

Duane Tomka - Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble – Milwaukee, WI
Joanna Smoliński - Lowicz Polish Folklore Ensemble - Edmonton, AB

The PFDAA would like to welcome - ZESPOL FOLKLORYSTYCZNY TATRY

(Highlander Folkloric Ensemble) to the membership. The ensemble has various age group performers from 6-60 and presents authentic agropastoral traditions from the high Tatra Mountains of southern Poland. The group prides itself on authenticity, live music and dynamic choreography for a non stop and intense experience of Highlander culture. Since 2009, the ensemble has been performing around Chicago and area, and throughout the Midwest USA. The ensemble also plans on traveling out west for various transhumance festivals shortly.

<http://www.tatrafoundation.org/Tatrydefault.html>

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:

Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc.

Please enter your donation amount and click Update Total.

Purpose	Donation amount	Total
PFDA	\$ <input type="text"/>	\$
		\$0.00 USD
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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
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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

New and Used Costumes for Sale

The following costumes are for sale please contact Daniela OConnor @ danieoc28501@sbcglobal.net

- Three Skirts for girls 7 or younger
- Three Vests for girls 7 or younger
- Two Blouses for girls 7 or younger
- two vests for women and one matching skirt both for size 12-14
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- All items were purchased in Zakopane between 1967 and 1975
- All the wool items are in excellent, clean condition. Only the one vest with the beading is more worn, but nothing ripped or stained



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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