

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

3rd Quarter 2013

Dear PFDA Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the new PFDA Board and thank the past PFDA board for their dedication, hard work and accomplishments over the past three years. The new PFDA Board is made up of the following members:

President – Daniel Smela - Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble – Regina, SK

Vice President – Corinne Lasek Polish Heritage Dancers of Western New York

Secretary – Donna Skurski – Wawel Folk Ensemble - Detroit, MI

Treasurer - Edziu Rajtar - Dolina Polish Folk Dancers - Minneapolis, MN

Sargent at Arms - Mariusz Bernatowicz - Polish American Folk Dance Company – Brooklyn, NY

As we move forward with the new PFDA board, we will continue to build upon the many accomplishments of the past board and look for new ways to continue serve our members so that we can strengthen the network of Polish dance companies in the Western world. In closing, I would like to personally acknowledge our past board starting with Misia Jaminski who has been a part of the PFDA from the very beginning and was involved in the initial creation of the organization. Over the years Misia has held numerous positions within the PFDA totaling more then 12 years, not including her time spent organizing two festivals one in 1982 and the second in 2007. Next I would like to thank Donna Skurski who has also been apart of the PFDA since the very beginning. Donna has served as a board member for over 14 years and will continue to do so in her new role as PFDA Secretary. Next, I would like to thank Monica Pazdziora who has been a part of the PFDA since 2007 when she assumed the role of Treasurer and webpage administrator. Lastly, I would like to thank Conrad Wiecek who has served the PFDA for over 12 years. One of Conrad's

biggest accomplishments along side Misia, was archiving, organizing and cataloging 20 years of PFDAAs history. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to the PFDAAs.

PFDAAs Celebrates their 30th Anniversary

Member groups in good standing will be receiving a 3 CD set of music from the region of Slask to celebrate PFDAAs 30th Anniversary. An email was sent to all member groups to update their contact information. We want to make sure we have your correct mailing address to insure you receive your gift. If you have not received an email, please send an email to Donna Skurski at dntskur@aol.com with your mailing address.

PFDAAs Choreographer Project

Are you or is someone you know a choreographer specializing in a region of Polish folk dancing? If so, we would like to add you to the PFDAAs North American Choreographer's contact list. The PFDAAs choreographer list is comprised of a list of individuals who have completed a choreographer course in Poland, or is a recognized choreographer, specializing in Polish Folk Dancing. The purpose of the list is to be able to provide members of the PFDAAs with options of hiring "local" talent, when it isn't always possible to bring in choreographers from Poland. So if you're a choreographer and you would like to add your name to the list, please fill out the attached form and submitted it to dntskur@aol.com

Membership News:

Polish American Folk Dance Company will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its founding with a 2-hour performance at NYU Skirball Center on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The concert will showcase the rich diversity of Polish folk culture, and will include both national and regional dances of Poland, as well as song medleys by Kapela Ludowa (folk band).



Tickets for this special gala performance are available through: NYU Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, 566 LaGuardia Place, New York, New York, 212-352-3101 or 866-811-4111, www.nyuskirball.org

Polish National Home, 261 Driggs Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 718-387-0505

Forum Travel, 616 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 718-389-1010

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and students with ID,

\$20 for children under the age of 15. Group rates are also available.

PFDAA Website Update

Currently the PFDAA is updating its website and requests all member groups to send in their group logo along with 2 two 3 pictures. Please send your logos & photos to jerry@pfdaa.org. Lastly if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know, this is your site so your input is needed.

New On-Line PFDAA Membership Renewal Payment Option:

There is now a new way to renew your PFDAA 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 PFDAA 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:

A screenshot of the secure payment page for the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc. The page is titled 'Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc.' and contains a form for entering a donation amount. The form includes a 'Purpose' field with 'PFDAA' entered, a 'Donation amount' field with a red circle around it, and a 'Total' field showing '\$0.00 USD'. Below the form, there are options to 'Pay with Credit Card or Log In' and a 'PayPal Secure Payments' button. The credit card section includes fields for Country (United States), First Name, Last Name, Credit Card Number, Payment Type (with icons for Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and Discover/Novus), Expiration Date, Billing Address Line 1, Billing Address Line 2 (optional), and City. The PayPal section includes a 'Log In' button and a prompt to 'Forgot your email address or password?'

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:

Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc.

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 2013
9. If you have any questions about the online payment option please contact PFDAA Treasure @ edziur@aol.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 Edziu Rajtar, 2239, Stinson Blvd NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

The New Super Flexi Sole

Avriel now offers new super flexi sole custom fit boots. To find out more about these boots and where to acquire them please contact bruce@avriel.com



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

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