

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter 2012

Dear PFDA Members and Friends:



*From all of us to all of you
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!!*

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Memo from Misia

The holiday season is fast approaching and I am sure that the majority of you are busy with Christmas performances, shopping and decorating. Time is a valuable commodity, especially at this time, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas' family, thank you for loving your Polish heritage enough to devote so much of your time and energy in perpetuating its folk culture and thank you for your continuing pursuit of new and interesting ways to present this passion that we all share.

In the coming year, the PF DAA will celebrate 30 years of service to its members which included:

- Festivals in Baltimore (1984), San Francisco (1985), Boston (1987), Minneapolis-St. Paul (1988), Long Island, (1990), Detroit (1991), Montreal (1992), San Francisco/Oakland (1995), Los Angeles (1997), Milwaukee (2000), New York City (2003), Chicago (2007), and Regina (2010)*
- Regional Concerts: Chicago, New York and San Francisco (1994)*
- Performing Tours in Poland: Wolsztyn-Poznan-Gdynia-Sopot-Lubartow (1994); Nowy Targ-Poronin-Nowy Sacz-Tarnow-Wadowice-Kolbuszowa (1999); Budapest-Myslenice-Krakow-Tarnow (2011)*
- A music and video library*
- A network for information, resources and contacts*
- A support system for a truly unique art form*

I am so excited to return to Minneapolis for another festival - it's been 25 years - Edziu Rajtar was the Chairperson in 1988; this time, he passes the torch to his daughter, Kaja Rajtar and her friend, Tori Piorek.

Our Festivals are unique - they are based on a combination of dance classes, workshops, a gala concert and, of course, social activities - after all that's the root of all folk dances and songs!

I hope that you all join us at PFDAA'S 30th Anniversary, but more importantly, that you take advantage of the learning experience Festival 2013 will provide.

Merriest of Christmases to all of you and your dancers and here's wishing you a happy, healthy, rich and productive New Year!!!!

PFDAA Festival 2013

Celebrate the PFDAA's 30th anniversary in Minnesota this summer! The next PFDAA Festival will be held **July 13-20, 2013**, in the Twin Cities. The following choreographers for the event have been confirmed:

- Mr. Janusz Chojecki – Director of the National Folk Song and Dance Ensemble "Mazowsze", also the lead choreographer for the Rzeszow Festival.
- Mr. Jerzy Starzyński – Specializing in tańców łemkowskichów from the Carpathian mountain region of Poland, bordering Ukraine, Romania and Slovakia. These dances feature distinct mountain dances and gypsy numbers.
- Mr. Stas' Kmieć – Teaches movement on Broadway and will work with groups on presenting themselves onstage so that they are aware of the important aspects to a performance. His approach will be to personalize certain exercises to Polish dance segments and songs
- Fourth Choreographer - TBD

For more details about the festival please remember to continue to check the festival website: <http://www.Dolina.org/PFDAA2013> & the <http://www.PFDAA.org> website.

PFDAA 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 PFDAA North American Choreographer's contact list. The PFDAA 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 PFDAA 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 pfdaa@sasktel.net.

PFDAA Music Project Update

The final version of the music is being compiled for regions of Slask Opole, Gorny Slask and Pszczyn. PFDAA members will be able to get a copy in the early part of the new year.

PFDAA 30th DVD:

- The PFDAA 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 PFDAA has impacted your ensemble (new materials, new friends, new contacts, marriages, etc.)
- --how your ensemble looked when it joined the PFDAA and how it looks now
- --interviews with dancers sharing their best memories of a PFDAA festival or event
- --a video clip of your favorite suite you presented at a PFDAA festival or event
- Feel free to be creative.

Performing Tour

Dance Ensemble "Jediniok" from the University of Wroclaw, is making its way to Canada in 2013 with and is looking for performances as it makes it way from coast to coast. Jediniok dance ensemble has been in existence for 37 years and is comprised of both a dance group and a live band. If your dance group is interested in hosting this guest group from Poland please contact Henryk Brzezicki at: zespol.jediniok@up.wroc.pl for more information.

New online 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 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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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.
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PFDA Membership Renewal for Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble, Regina, Canada		
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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

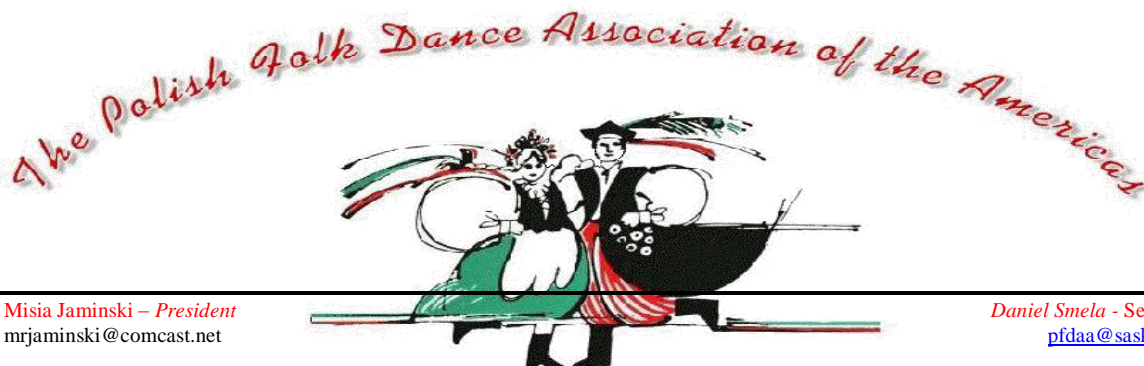
9. If you have any questions about the online payment option please contact PFDAA Treasure @ monicapaz@ymail.com

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

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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