



September 21, 2005

To the Members of the Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas, Inc.:

### **POLISH FEST IN MILWAUKEE**

Held from June 24-26 this year, Milwaukee's Polish Fest boasts being the largest Polish festival in the US. Almost all of the ensembles in the Midwest (and not only) have performed there at one time or another, and the Gala for Festival 2000 was held there, as well.

Since that time, the PFDAA has continued holding a Gala during Polish Fest. Six PFDAA ensembles participated in this year's Gala: Dolina (Twin Cities, MN), Lajkonik of the Holy Trinity Polish Mission (Chicago, IL), Lechici of the PYA (Chicago, IL), Syrena (Milwaukee, WI), Wesoly Lud of the PRCUA (Orland Park, IL) and Wici of the PNA (Chicago, IL). Each ensemble prepared its own 30-minute show and performed with another ensemble to fill one-hour time slots throughout the weekend. The PFDAA also prepared a Gala this year, which was received by a standing-room-only (and very enthusiastic) crowd, which cheered on each of the ensembles as they performed.

This year's Gala was somewhat of a warm-up for three of the ensembles participating in the Rzeszow Festival (see separate article in the newsletter). And in addition to the audience enjoying themselves, as did the performers, both on and off stage....as usual for the performers it was not only an opportunity to perform but also a chance to get together with friends from other cities and have some fun.

Thanks to acting president, Richard Jaminski for ensuring that the music sounded good, Misia Jaminski (Wesoly Lud) for being the Mistress of Ceremonies (who came through looking like a charm even though her evening gown was stranded in the parking lot at the other end of the festival grounds) and Pani Ada Dziewanowska (Syrena, Milwaukee) for consulting with the program.

### **Gala Program @ Polish Fest 2005:**

Polonez and Mazur—Wici, Chicago IL  
Krakowiak—Syrena, Milwaukee WI  
Eastern Krakow—Wesoly Lud, Orland Park IL  
Przeworsk—Lechici, Chicago IL  
Lowicz—Lajkonik, Chicago IL  
Beskid—Wici, Chicago IL  
Sacz—Syrena, Milwaukee WI  
Opoczno—Lechici, Chicago IL  
Lublin—Dolina, Twin Cities MN  
Krakowiak—Lajkonik, Chicago IL  
Rzeszow—Wesoly Lud, Orland Park IL

If your ensemble would to be included in next year's Polish Fest please let Konrad Wiecek know ([lechici@aol.com](mailto:lechici@aol.com)) or by phone, 773.286.6014.

### **PRE TOUR 2005 OF SOUTHERN POLAND**

Polonia Polish Folk Dance Ensemble of Regina, Canada and Wesoly Lud of Chicago, USA took part in the PFDA Performing Pre Tour 2005. The tour commenced on July 13– 20, the seven action packed days involved performances in: Nowy Targ, Poronin, Nowy Sacz, Tarnow, Wadowic, Kolbuszowa and workshops on the final day of the tour. Each day of the tour was

broken up into sight seeing during the day and performances in the evening.

During the day the groups took part in river rides on the Splyw Dunajec, mountain hikes up to Morskie Oko, shopping and sight seeing in Zakopane amongst other various sight seeing activities through out the tour. In the evenings the ensembles put on performances in each of the towns and were welcomed by enthusiastic crowds, which cheered them on as they performed.

The Pre Tour 2005 turned out to be a great success thanks to Richard & Misia Jaminski who planed and organized the entire tour. Both groups enjoyed themselves on and off stage and look forward to another Pre Tour in the near future.

### **JAN POGONOWSKI**

Mr. Pogonowski, recently informed the PFDA that he will not be able to come to the USA as planed and as a result the Instructors' Weekend set for October 22 – 23 have been cancelled.

FYI...Pani Alicja Haszczak of Rzeszow will be on the North American continent beginning in December of this year. She is knowledgeable and willing (for a fee, of course) to teach dances from regions in southeast Poland: Rzeszow macro, Rzeszow proper, Przeworsk, Krosno, Gorlice, Lasowiackie. She can also teach a Warsaw Suite and the National Dances. Contact Conrad for more information @ [lechici@aol.com](mailto:lechici@aol.com).

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