

The Polish Folk Dance Association of the Americas



PFDA NEWSLETTER

4th Quarter 2010

Memo from Misia



*Z wesołą kolędą, muzyką i tańcem
Pomiędzy domami, idą przebierańce,
//Wesoło śpiewamy, do okien pukamy,
Hej kolęda, kolęda!//*

Dear PFDA Members and Friends:

As the holidays quickly come upon us and we balance our everyday lives with our passion for our Polish culture, may we not lose sight of the importance of this season. It's a time to share our wonderful Polish Christmas traditions making new and precious memories with those we hold nearest and dearest. May the Christmas spirit keep you healthy, happy and successful in the New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR!



*Za kolędę dziękujemy
Zdrowia, szczęścia wieszujemy
Byście sobie długo żyli,
Zdrowi i szczęśliwi byli
Na ten nowy rok!*

WESOŁYCH ŚWIĄT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA I SZCZĘŚLIWEGO NOWEGO ROKU!

Forum Kultury Polskiej

Wspolnota Polska-Rzeszow held a “Forum Kultury Polskiej” on October 8-13th, in Rzeszow Poland this fall. The PFDAAs were represented by past PFDAAs President Edziu Rajtar from Dolina Polish Folk Dancers of Minnesota. At the Forum a lot of key issues were discussed, in particular the PFDAAs and other Polish dance groups mentioned they would like to see the following changes at the upcoming festival in Rzeszow this summer:

- Organization of an opening party and closing party,
- More structure to the festival,
- More time to meet other groups
- Reduce Finale Gala practice time, limit time walking on and off stage, and improve the overall finale
- There was also some talk about possibly Wspolnota Poland offering a 1 day or ½ workshops for Musicians who want to learn how to play the “Polish Way” during the festival or a day before the actual festival.
- Other issues were also discussed at the Forum such as Wspolnota Rzeszow becoming a key contacting point for groups to contact to get Chorographer, or music contacts.

For more detailed minutes of the meeting please see attached PDF of Forum Minutes.

Festival in Rzeszow 2011

The dates for the next Rzeszow Festival have been set for July 21st – 28th 2011, for more information about the festival be sure to check out Wspolnota Webpage: <http://www.wspolnota-polska.rzeszow.pl/>

PFDAAs Banner Group Rzeszow 2011

The PFDAAs has spoken directly to Wspolnota and they have given its blessing for the PFDAAs to put together a dance group of PFDAAs members to attend the festival, this is an opportunity for individuals who maybe wanted to go to Poland but were unable to because their group could not make it this year. The idea is if enough individuals are interested in going to Poland a group would be formed under the PFDAAs Banner name and this group would learn a dance or two a couple days to a week before the festival in Poland which they would then be later be able to perform during the festival. In order for The PFDAAs Banner group to exist there has to be at least 8 couples registered with the PFDAAs by the end of the 1st quarter of 2011. The PFDAAs will then work with Wspolnota Rzeszow to arrange a Choreographer to teach and lead this group during the festival. Costs for this have not been determined but will be higher than the Festival due to individuals arriving to Poland before the start of the festival.

For individuals interested in this opportunity you are asked to contact PFDAA directly by email :
pfdaa@sasktel.net .

PFDAA Poland 2011 PRETOUR

The PFDAA is in the process of organizing 2011 Performing/ Sightseeing Tour of Poland a week before festival in Rzeszow next summer. So far 4 groups have expressed interest in taking part in the Pre tour, attached is a tentative time line of the proposed Pre-Tour, please keep in mind nothing has been finalized and we are currently working out the details with our contacts abroad.

- Departure from Canada or the US on July 13th or 14th
- Performance/Sight Seeing in Budapest Hungary (July 15-16) - Confirmed
- Back to Poland for performances / sightseeing in Myslenica (south of Krakow) Nowy Sacz, Tarnow and possibly Krakow.
- Leave for Rzeszow July 20th

Please keep in mind these dates and performances are still very tentative as we are currently working out the details with our contacts abroad, we hope to finalized dates, and costs in early 2011.

If you haven't already please fill out the attached Survey in the link below. If you have any questions just let us know.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22B6E6W9E2H>

POLISH FEST JUNE 2011 – MILWAUKEE, WI

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

PFDAA GALA at Polish Fest – Usually on the third Saturday of June, any and all PFDAA ensembles that are interested in participating please let Dan Smela know.

TWIN CITIES POLISH FESTIVAL - AUG 13-14, 2011

Twin Cities Polish Festival is looking for a variety of entertainment for this year's Festival:

Dance, groups, individuals, choirs, storytellers, Folk, rock, classical, modern are all welcome please take a look at the entertainment forms on line at: www.tcpolishfestival.org

Membership News:

The PFDAA would like to congratulate **The Wawel Folk Ensemble of Detroit Michigan** on their 45th Anniversary. Wawel has been a part of the PFDAA since the very beginning and is one of its founding members of the PFDAA. Wawel is the only PFDAA member to have attended ALL PFDAA NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVALS! BRAVO AND STO LAT TO WAWEL and TOM AND DONNA SKURSKI – THE ENSEMBLE’S DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER RESPECTIVELY!

PFDAA Yearly Membership Fees for 2010 are due!!!!

If you haven't already sent in your membership dues for this year please send them to Monica. We are in the process of password protecting several areas on our WEB site so that they will only be available to our active member groups only. Once this process is complete we will be adding several new items for your eyes only. Monica will send you your password once your dues are up to date.

Please send a check in the amount of \$35.00 USD to:

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

New and Used Costumes for Sale

If you have costumes you want to sell or are looking for a set of costumes let the PFDAA 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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