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POLISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Twin Pines Park, Belmont

May 30, 2015

11:00 am 6:00 pm

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2015 Featured Band:
The Dixie Company from Poznań, Poland

2015 Featured City: Kraków



The Trumpeter of Kraków playing the Hejnat

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- ❖ Uphold the image of Polish-Americans

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The Polish Society of California/PNA Lodge 7

<http://www.polishclubsf.org/PolishSocietyOfCalifornia.htm>

Founded by Polish California pioneers in 1863, the Society celebrated its 150th Anniversary in 2013. Since 1880 the Society has belonged to the Polish National Alliance as Lodge 7. The Polish National Alliance, popularly known as PNA or the Alliance, is the largest of all ethnically-based fraternal insurance benefit societies in this country.

The Polish Club Inc., San Francisco

<http://www.PolishClubSF.org>

The Polish Club (Dom Polski) in San Francisco's Mission District (3040 22nd Street) boasts three member societies, which held their first joint meeting in 1925. The mission of the Polish Club is to serve as a center for the propagation of Polish culture, art, language and community. The Club building was acquired in 1926 and is used today for Polish cultural events.

Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble of San Francisco

<http://www.polishfolk.org>

Łowiczanie is a group of skilled & dedicated dancers, singers and musicians, led by professionally-certified instructors, who present traditional music, song and dance from Poland's historic territory and diverse peoples. The Ensemble, now in its 40th season, presents vibrant professional-quality programs for concerts, festivals, school programs, and special public and private events.

The Polonian Cultural and Pastoral Center, Sacramento

<http://www.poloniasacramento.com/>

The Polonian Cultural and Pastoral Center (PCPC) in Sacramento was formally established in October 1985. The Center opened in 1991 and the Chapel of **Our Lady of Częstochowa** was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento that year. The Polonian Cultural and Pastoral Center serves Polish Catholics in the Sacramento area. The original members were Polish immigrants who had been activists in Poland's Solidarity movement. The Center organizes many events throughout the year such as picnics, entertainment, dancing, dinners and other social gatherings. The Center supports the local chapter of Polish Scouts and offers Polish language classes for children.

Twin Pines Community Center, Belmont



**POLISH
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FESTIVAL**

*Join The Greater Bay Area's
Top Polish Festival*

- DANCE** to an Award-Winning Jazz Band from Poland
- WATCH** dazzling Polish folk dancing
- SAVOR** mouthwatering Polish Cuisine
- ENJOY** the best Polish Beers and Wine
- EXPLORE** our 1000 Year Historical Display
- DELIGHT** in the 1st Jointly-Sponsored Festival
- VOLUNTEER** and Support the Polish Community
- CELEBRATE** Polish Traditions with Friends

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Tym wszystkim, którzy wytrwali razem do końca we wspólnym wysiłku, w poszukiwaniu dróg do wzajemnego zrozumienia, wzajemnego szacunku i skutecznej współpracy, i którzy dokonali tego, że wreszcie! – Festiwal, WSPÓLNY FESTIWAL - wydarzył się

SERDECZNE DZIĘKI!

Za odwagę w podjęciu tego wysiłku, za zdolność do znajdowania nowych rozwiązań i umiejętność spojrzenia „inaczej”, za niezwykłą ofiarność, i w końcu – zrobienie czegoś, czego nigdy dotąd tutaj nie było

STOKROTNE DZIĘKI!

Więc sobie teraz wzajemnie - ci wszyscy, którzy brali udział w przygotowaniach i ci teraz działający w trakcie festiwalu w jakikolwiek sposób, na każdym stanowisku i w jakimkolwiek miejscu, tak, WSZYSCY! – teraz sobie nawzajem

GRATULUJMY i CIESZMY SIĘ!

Nietypowe te podziękowania, bo i taki nasz festiwal: i sobie, i Wam życząc

STO LAT - VIVAT POLONIA!

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ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, & VENDORS!

A very special THANK YOU to our Hungarian friends!

FEATURED ENTERTAINERS

We are proud to share local & guest talent along with our featured entertainment *from Poland!*

The DIXIE COMPANY, from Poznań, Poland!

<http://www.dixiecompany.pl>

Krzysztof Zaremba, trombone; **Jakub Marszałek**, trumpet; **Rafał Kubale**, clarinet; **Mariusz Gajdziel**, bass; **Wojciech Warszawski**, vocal, banjo, guitar; **Piotr Soroka**, drums; **Bogdon Ciesielski**, piano



The Dixie Company is a traditional jazz band from Poland from the city of Poznań. They are delighted to be performing at the Polish Heritage Festival and will be playing on the main stage throughout the day. Since its formation in 1993, the Dixie Company Jazz Band has given hundreds of concerts and taken part in high-profile events and festivals in Poland and other European countries. For the last five years, the Dixie Company has successfully organized the Traditional Jazz Festival in Poznań, Poland. Their fast-moving shows leave audiences totally exhilarated. The band's strong "front line" and the solid rhythm section combine to create enjoyable and swinging traditional jazz. They are renowned for packed rooms and standing ovations as they deliver lively New-Orleans-style jazz that bridges two cultures. With over five CDs to enjoy, please sample their songs on their website.

Prior to their appearance at the Polish Heritage Festival, the Dixie Company and Diane Davidson performed together at multiple concerts in Poland, then at the International Dixieland Festival in Dresden, Germany, followed by performances at the Sacramento Music Festival.

The Dixie Company and the festival organizers are grateful to the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Los Angeles for its support

American Jazz Singer, **Diane Davidson**



The Dixie Company will be joined on stage by guest vocalist Diane Davidson. She is more than your typical American Jazz Singer. With musical influences including Rhythm and Blues, Opera, and Broadway, her versatile voice has been described as soulful, sultry, and expressive. Her brilliant stage presence is entertaining and engaging. Born into a musical family in Indiana, Diane played her first professional gig at the early age of ten. Since then, Diane's career has been mainly in the USA, although she has performed out of the country on cruise ships. She lives in Northern California, home of the internationally acclaimed Sacramento Jazz Festival, where she was discovered and adopted by the Dixie Company.

2015 FEATURED CITY



Stefan Norblin poster



Rynek Główny – Main Market Square



Left to right: Wieża ratuszowa, Sukiennice, Kościół Mariacki, św. Wojciech
Town Hall Tower, Cloth Hall Market, St. Mary's Church, St. Adalbert's Church



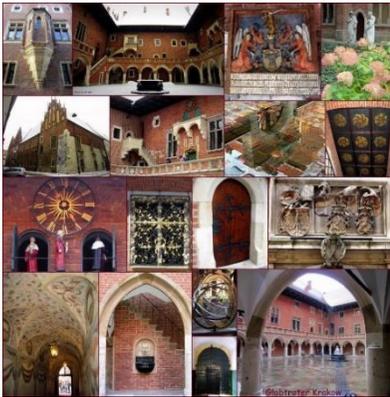
Parada Smoków -- Dragon parade



Wawel Castle



Wawel Castle



Kościół Mariacki -- St. Mary's Church



Kraków – a multicultural city





Smok Wawelski The Wawel Dragon, also known as the Dragon of Wawel Hill, is a famous dragon in Polish folklore. His lair was in a cave at the foot of Wawel Hill on the bank of the Vistula River in Kraków, which was then the capital of Poland. Wawel Cathedral and Kraków's Wawel Castle stand on Wawel Hill. The cathedral features a statue of the Wawel dragon and a plaque commemorating the dragon's defeat by Krakus, a Polish prince who

founded the city and who built his castle over the slain dragon's lair. The dragon's cave below the castle is now a popular tourist attraction. Kraków conducts an annual Dragon Parade every June.



Księżniczka Wanda (Princess Wanda) (who lived in 8th century Poland) was the daughter of Krakus, founder of Kraków. Upon her father's death, she became queen of the Poles. She committed suicide by throwing herself into the Vistula river to avoid future potential suitors who would have used her refusal to marry as a pretext for invasion.



Lajkonik The Lajkonik is one of the unofficial symbols of the city of Kraków, Poland. It is represented as a bearded man resembling a Tatar in a characteristic pointed hat, dressed in Mongol attire, with a wooden horse around his waist (hobby horse). A Lajkonik Festival (Polish: Lajkoniki) takes place each year on the first Thursday after Corpus Christi.

Hejnał Mariacki (The Trumpeter of Kraków) is a traditional, five-note Polish anthem closely bound to the history and traditions of the City of Kraków. It is played every hour on the hour, four times in succession in each of the four cardinal directions, by a trumpeter in the highest tower of the city's Saint Mary's Church (Polish, Kościół Mariacki). The noon performance is broadcast via radio to all of Poland and the world. It is said that, during a Mongol invasion of Poland (the invasion usually cited is that of 1241), Mongol troops led by General Subutai approached Kraków. A sentry in a tower of St. Mary's Church sounded the alarm by playing the Hejnał, and the city gates were closed before the Tatars could ambush the city. The trumpeter, however, was shot in the throat and did not complete the anthem; thus, the performance ends abruptly before completion.



Jagiellonian University was founded in 1364 by Kazimierz (Casimir) III the Great. It is the oldest university in Poland, the second oldest university in Central Europe (after Charles University in Prague) and one of the oldest universities in the world. It was positioned by QS World University Rankings as the best Polish university among the world's top 500.



The university fell upon hard times when the occupation of Kraków by Austria-Hungary during the Partitions of Poland threatened its existence. In 1817, soon after the creation of the Duchy of Warsaw, the university was renamed as Jagiellonian to commemorate Poland's Jagiellonian dynasty.

Nowojka was a medieval Polish woman in the 15th century known to have dressed as a boy in order to study at the University of Kraków founded in 1364. She is considered to be the first female student and teacher in Poland. According to some, she was the daughter of a teacher in a church school in Gniezno, schooled by her father, who decided to continue her studies using any means necessary. She enrolled at Jagiellonian University in Kraków under the assumed name of Jakub (or Andrzej) because at that time women were barred from attending universities.



Kraków Timeline

<p>1000 - Catholic diocese of Kraków established</p> <p>1044 - Benedictine Abbey of Tyniec near Kraków</p> <p>1142 - Cathedral built</p> <p>1241 – Tartars sack Kraków</p> <p>1257 - Lokacja Krakowa established; town granted Magdeburg rights</p> <p>1306 - Kraków taken by Władysław Łokietek</p> <p>1313 - Kraków Town Hall built</p> <p>1320 - Kraków becomes Polish capital</p> <p>1364 - Kraków Academy founded; Wawel Cathedral and Collegium Maius built</p> <p>1390 - Public clock installed</p> <p>1395 - Kraków Cloth Hall built</p> <p>1397 - St. Mary's Basilica built</p> <p>1407 – Kazimierz Synagogue built</p> <p>1420 - Bellmakers guild forms</p> <p>1491 - Printing press in use</p> <p>1521 - Sigismund Bell installed in tower of Wawel</p> <p>1566 - Kraków arsenal built (near St. Florian's Gate)</p> <p>1609 - Polish capital relocated from Kraków to Warsaw by Sigismund III Vasa</p> <p>1619 - Saints Peter & Paul Church built</p> <p>1643 - Obergymnasium of St. Anna (school) built on St. Anna Street, Kraków</p> <p>1655 - Siege of Kraków (1655) by Swedish forces</p> <p>1781 – Stary Theatre founded</p> <p>1783 - Botanic Garden of Jagiellonian University opened</p> <p>1794 - 24 March: Kościuszko's proclamation against Russian rule occurs in Main Square; June: Prussians in power</p>	<p>1795 - City becomes part of Austria</p> <p>1809 - City becomes part of the Duchy of Warsaw</p> <p>1815 - Congress of Vienna creates Republic of Kraków</p> <p>1820 - Most of the city's Town Hall demolished (except tower)</p> <p>1840 – Helena Modjeska born</p> <p>1846 - Kraków Uprising against Austrian forces; Polish National Government established; city becomes part of Austria again; Grand Duchy of Kraków</p> <p>1847 - Kraków Główny railway opened</p> <p>1873 - School of Fine Arts and Academy of Learning active</p> <p>1879 - National Museum in Kraków established</p> <p>1885 - Park Krakowski opened</p> <p>1893 - Słowacki Theatre opened</p> <p>1898 - Mickiewicz monument installed in Main Square</p> <p>1905 - Zielony Balonik literary cabaret begins in Jama Michalika</p> <p>1909 - Kraków Philharmonic Orchestra founded</p> <p>1916 - Kino Sztuka (cinema)</p> <p>1917 - Formiści (art group)</p> <p>1918 - City becomes part of Poland</p> <p>1929 - Kraków Zoo opened</p> <p>1930 - Wawel Castle museum opens</p> <p>1931 - Kraków Philharmonic hall opened</p> <p>1933 - Grupa Krakowska (art group) formed</p> <p>1939 - 6 September: German forces enter city; 4 November: Kraków annexed by Nazis</p> <p> Germans</p> <p>1940 – Poles incarcerated in Nazi German Auschwitz</p> <p>1941 - Kraków Ghetto of Jews established by Nazi Germans</p>	<p>1945 - January: Russians take city; German occupation ends; Historical Museum of Kraków established</p> <p>1946 - Kraków Polytechnic opened</p> <p>1950 - Bunkier Sztuki Contemporary Art Gallery opens</p> <p>1951 - Polish Academy of Sciences' Division of Medicinal Plants established</p> <p>1955 - Cricot 2 theatre group formed</p> <p>1959 - Krzysztofory Gallery and Kino Mikro (cinema) open</p> <p>1961 - Kraków Film Festival begins</p> <p>1964 - Karol Wojtyła becomes Catholic archbishop</p> <p>1978 - Kraków Old Town designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site</p> <p>1988 - Jewish Culture Festival in Kraków begins</p> <p>1993 - Institute for Strategic Studies established</p> <p>2000 - City designated a European Capital of Culture</p> <p>2008 - International Festival of Independent Cinema Off Plus Camera begins</p> <p>2010 - Museum of Contemporary Art in Kraków, and Bernatek Footbridge opened; Paderewski monument erected in Strzelecki Park</p> <p>2015 : John Paul II made a Saint</p> <p>2016: World Youth Day</p>
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_Krak%C3%B3w

POLES IN CALIFORNIA

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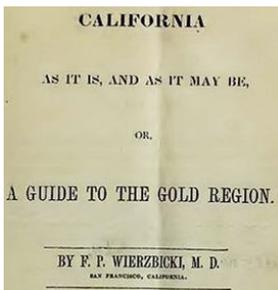
Polish California: From Pioneers to Silicon Valley

November 2013 marked **the 150th anniversary** of the founding of **The Polish Society of California**. The occasion was observed by a grand celebration at the **Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco**, a venue chosen in part because it was there that some of the **first meetings of the United Nations** were held in **1945**. Poland had not been invited to participate, an irony not unnoticed by at least one distinguished UN guest who, as will be revealed below, ensured that Poland would not be entirely forgotten.

But that year, the event was not a meeting but a celebration aptly titled **"From Pioneers to Silicon Valley,"** providing perfect bookends for the multi-volume history of Poles in California. Those first pioneers were talented and exciting people: **writers, cartographers, physicians, lawyers, engineers, businessmen** and, of course, **the celebrated actress, Helena Modjeska**.

Today, there is a strong Polish presence in Silicon Valley. Along the way **Andrzej Poniatowski**, the great-nephew of the last king of Poland, brought **the first hydroelectric power lines to the Bay Area**, established the **Sierra Railroad Company**, and formed the **Standard Electric Co.**, now **Pacific Gas & Electric**; Modjeska's son, **Ralph Modjeski**, became **one of America's greatest bridge builders**; he played a key role in early designs of the SF-Oakland Bay Bridge. The "Polanders" threw themselves wholeheartedly into American life, grateful for the opportunities afforded them but also remembering the loss of freedom in their homeland that sent them into exile. One of the first was **Feliks Paweł Wierzbicki, M.D.**, a prominent member of the California Medical Society who is best known for **writing the first book published in English in California -- California As It Is and As It May Be (1849)**.

That year (shortly before California's admission to the union), **Aleksander Zakrzewski (ex-Polish officer)** drew one of **the early "official" maps of San Francisco** that hung for a time in the Mayor's Office.



In May 1863, the Polish pioneers in California formed the first Polish organization on the west coast, inspired by the January 1863 Uprising against Russia by the citizens of Poland. Headed by **Kazimierz Bielawski**, a civil engineer and surveyor, and five executive officers, among them a farmer, three merchants, and the rabbi from Congregation Beth Israel, these men were determined to assist the countrymen of their birth to regain their freedom. Monthly meetings took place at **the Russ House** at 235 Montgomery Street. The **Russ family** (Riensi) arrived in California during the gold rush; Russ became **one of the City's most respected assayers**.

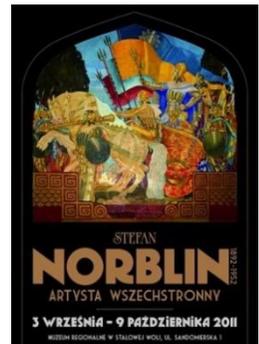


Having established a Society, these patriotic pioneers quickly convened a **“Grand Mass Meeting in Favor of Polish Freedom and Nationality.”** Held at Platt’s Music Hall, the convocation was attended by civic leaders and dignitaries -- a “who’s who” of 1863 California that included three future mayors, two future governors, two future U.S. senators, the publishers and editors of four daily newspapers, and legislators, industrialists, bankers, and merchants too numerous to mention.

It was a dynamic and colourful community. One of them, **Captain Rudolf Korwin Piotrowski**, co-founder of the Polish Society of California, was the **inspiration for Henryk Sienkiewicz’s Trilogy character, Zagłoba**. **Colonel J.C Zabriskie, the first Sacramento City Attorney, raised funds for the Polish uprising**, as did **Charles Meyer** who belonged to both the Polish Society of California and the first Hebrew Benevolent Society. In 1882, the Polish Society printed in local newspapers a **condemnation of the anti-Semitic persecutions** then taking place in Russia.

As the years went by, the Poles assimilated into the mainstream of American society. Immigration waned during the early part of the 19th century, not to be resumed in significant numbers until after World War II.

Among the first post-war immigrants was **Stefan Norblin** (whose **Art Deco** paintings in pre-war Poland and whose wartime paintings in India have recently been rediscovered and celebrated in exhibitions and film); Norblin settled in San Francisco with his wife, the popular Polish actress, **Lena Żelichowska**.



Learn more about the Polish Pioneers in California:
<http://www.polishclubsf.org/FairmontSlides.pdf>
<http://www.polishclubsf.org/150%20Years%20Polish%20Society%20of%20California.pdf>
<http://www.polishclubSF.org/PolishSocietyOfCalifornia.htm>
<http://www.polishclubSF.org/Newsletters.htm>
<http://www.polishclubsf.org/PolesCalifornia.pdf>

Some Polish-Americans moved to California as well, among them **Warren Winiarski**. A Chicagoan by birth, Winiarski had gone to Italy in the 1960s to study Machiavelli and returned to America inspired to make his own wine. Soon after, he moved to the Napa Valley, north of San Francisco. There he tasted a wine that gave him his "Eureka" moment: it had what he described as both a regional and a universal character. Within four years he produced a red wine, **a Cabernet Sauvignon, which won top honors at the historic Judgment of Paris in 1976**. Nobody expected a California wine to beat out the French, least of all the French judges themselves. In a blind tasting, Winiarski's **Stag's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon** won, and the French had to live with their judgment – which they did, but not without sour grapes. And so it was that Warren Winiarski – surely a name destined for just this kind of victory – established his **Stag's Leap Wine Cellars** on par with the world's best, and **put California wines on the map**. It's doubtful that you could buy a bottle of 1973 Stag's Leap Cabernet Sauvignon these days but you can have a look at one at the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History**.



And history moves on. The anniversary celebration was well attended, including a contingent of the new Polish pioneers, the **engineers of Silicon Valley**. The celebratory crowd drank a toast to the many generations of Poles in California, and to those still to come. *Sto lat!*



And so, 68 years after the historic meeting of the United Nations that had excluded Poland, the Fairmont Hotel was the site of a much happier

gathering of a new wave of "Polanders." Once again both the American and the Polish national anthems were heard, and it was time to recall **the man who had not remained silent in 1945**. It was none other than the **great pianist, Artur Schnabel** who had been asked to play at the inaugural concert. As he subsequently wrote in his memoir, he was acutely conscious of Poland's absence, and deeply distressed:



"I walked on the stage, quite composed but with my heart beating... to play the Star-Spangled Banner [as required]... When I finished, I stood up to announce my first piece and something strange happened; a blind fury took hold of me. I addressed the audience in a loud, angry voice. **'In this hall where the great nations gather to make a better world, I miss the flag of Poland, for which this cruel war was fought.** And now — I shouted — I shall play the Polish anthem.'" "I played with a resounding impact and very slowly, and repeated the last phrase with a resounding forte. The audience stood up as one man when I finished and gave me a great ovation."

LOCAL & GUEST TALENT



ŁOWICZANIE POLISH FOLK ENSEMBLE OF SAN FRANCISCO

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JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL OF POLISH LANGUAGE The John Paul II School of Polish Language was established in 1967 by the Polish-American Educational Committee of San Francisco (PAEC). In addition to studying the Polish language, history and culture, students who attend the school have the unique opportunity to learn and perform traditional Polish dances. The Polish School children's dance group performs regularly at various Bay Area cultural festivals. Classes are held on select Saturdays at the United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Avenue, Walnut Creek. For more information, including enrollment information, please visit their website at: <http://polishschool.org/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/John-Paul-II-School-of-Polish-Language/>



SOKOŁY – A Łowiczanie children's dance ensemble

Sokoły (Polish Falcons) -- a team of young performers who present traditional dances and songs of Poland, who work on various art projects, and learn about Polish language, history and customs, in a light-hearted and child-friendly atmosphere. Classes are held on Saturdays, 2-4pm in Capel Hall at Messiah Lutheran Church,

1835 Valota Road in Redwood City.

Tel: 408.838.1178; Email: info@sokolydancegroup.org; Facebook: SokolyDanceGroup

KUZYNI POLISH STREET FOLK BAND

Kuzyni (cousins) is a group of musical enthusiasts established in 2013 who perform at various Polish events in the San Francisco Bay Area. Combining a broad range of instrumental and vocal talent, the musical style of this joyful, collaborative band could be loosely described as "street folk." The group's musical material includes pieces that span 80 years of Polish hits and popular songs.



TOKARZ HIGHLANDER TRIO From Chicago, this Górale string band (Podhale Highlanders) plays traditional music from Poland's Tatra Mountains

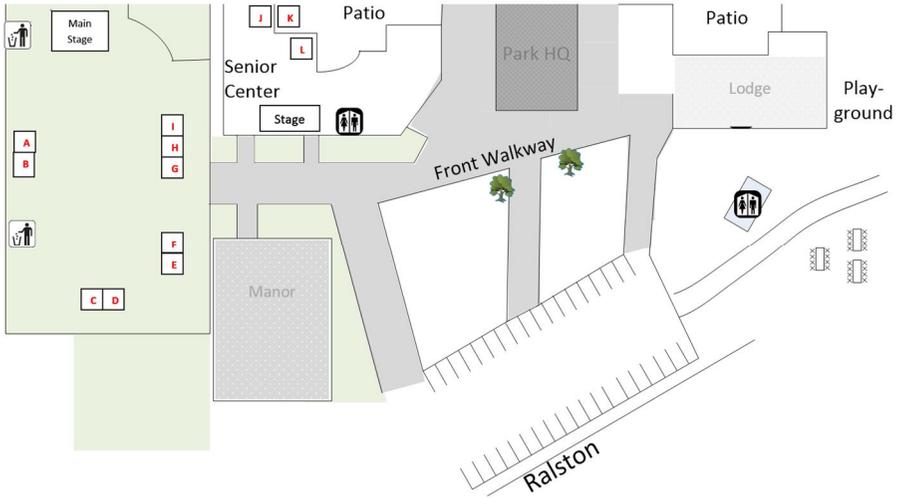


TRANS-CARPATHIAN FOLK BAND: Hurra! Music from the Carpathian borderlands of central Europe encompassing Slovakia, the extreme eastern Czech Republic, southern Poland, western Ukraine, and northeast Romania



Read more about our Entertainment and Artists' Biographies at: <http://www.polcafestival.com>

FESTIVAL MAP & VENDOR LIST



Entrances	Tickets & Tokens	Festival Volunteers
BOOTH	DESCRIPTION	VENDOR
A	Grilled Kielbasa (Sausage)	Polish American Congress
B & H	Beer / Wine / Water / Soft Drinks	Festival Sponsors
C	Gołąbki (Stuffed Cabbage)	Polonian Cultural & Pastoral Center
D	Kotlety (Pork Chops)	East Bay Polish Scouts
E	Bigos (Hunter's Stew) & Baked Chicken	Church of the Nativity, San Francisco
F	Pierogi	Polska Foods
G	Polish Pastries / Hungarian Krémes	Literary & Dramatic Circle / Ibolya Katona
J	Polish Cuisine	Maria's Kitchen
K	Maria's Pastries / Coffee & Tea	Maria's Kitchen
L	Imported Polish/European Food	EuroMarket, Concord
	Paintings and Drawings	Alex's Art Studio
	Custom-designed Jewelry	Elizabeth's Jewelry
	Paintings	Małgorzata Kuraczyk, Artist
	Financial Services	Polam Federal Credit Union
	Hand-blown Krosno Glass	Polish American Congress
	Books, DVDs, Music CDs	Polish Society of CA/PNA Lodge 7

ENTERTAINMENT

MAIN STAGE	
TIME	PERFORMERS
11:00 AM	Dixie Company Jazz Band from Poznań
NOON	Hejnał & Opening Ceremony (Anthems & Welcome)
12:15 PM	Trans-Carpathian Folk Band: Hurra!
12:35 PM	Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble
12:50 PM	Sokoły, a Łowiczanie children's dance ensemble
1:00 PM	Tokarz Highlander Trio: Górale Music from the Tatra Mountains
1:30 PM	John Paul II Polish Language School & children from the Polonian Cultural & Pastoral Center in Sacramento
1:45 PM	Dixie Company Jazz Band from Poznań
2:30 PM	Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble
2:45 PM	Trans-Carpathian Folk Band: Hurra!
3:20 PM	Dixie Company Jazz Band from Poznań
4:10 PM	Kuzyni Polish Street Folk Band
4:35 PM	Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble
4:45 PM	Trans-Carpathian Folk Band: Hurra!
5:10 PM	Dixie Company Jazz Band from Poznań

SENIOR CENTER STAGE	
TIME	PERFORMERS
12:35 PM	Kuzyni Polish Street Folk Band
1:10 PM	Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble
1:25 PM	Sokoły, a Łowiczanie children's dance ensemble
1:40 PM	Kuzyni Polish Street Folk Band
2:05 PM	John Paul II Polish Language School & children from the Polonian Cultural & Pastoral Center in Sacramento
2:15 PM	Polish Folk Music
2:55 PM	Łowiczanie Polish Folk Ensemble
3:10 PM	Guest Community Artists
3:55 PM	Tokarz Highlander Trio: Górale Music from the Tatra Mountains

A Short History of Poland

To fully appreciate the story of the first Poles who arrived in California it is helpful to understand some Polish history. The story of Poland is a tale of long stretches of foreign rule, and repeated attempts by Poles to evict foreign occupiers and to reclaim self-rule. **Poland was invaded, or fought for freedom, 43 times between 1600 and 1845.**

The arrival of the Slavs on the land known today as Poland gave rise to the Piast dynasty and the adoption of Christianity in **966** – the year when Poland is considered to have been “born” as a nation. The next great dynasty began when the **Grand Duke Jagiello** of Lithuania married Poland’s **Queen Jadwiga** who **ruled Poland with the full powers of a King**. Jadwiga and Jagiello continued to rule together as co-equals. This union of the Crowns eventually led to a full political union of the two states, subsequently known as the **Polish Lithuanian Commonwealth**, in 1569.

The Commonwealth, often referred to as the **First Polish Republic** (their **kings were not absolute monarchs** as elsewhere in Europe, but were elected and responsible to the Senate) was the largest and most populous state in 16th and 17th century Europe spanning some 390,000 square miles and with a multi-ethnic and multi-religious population of 11 million at its peak. It was **known for religious tolerance**, as exemplified by **King Zygmunt Augustus** who



stated that he was the King of the people, but not of their conscience. Uninvolved in Europe’s religious wars, Poland was a refuge for many people persecuted because of their religion. Jews found not only refuge, as they were expelled from other European countries, but were given royal protection by the **Statute of Kalisz** (1264), and in the mid-16th century were granted community autonomy with the establishment of the **Council of Four Lands**, an exemplary treatment of a minority even by modern standards.

The **Polish Constitution of May 3rd 1791** was the first codified constitution in Europe and second only to the United States. It was the formal expression of Poland’s long history of tolerance and love of liberty, justice and honor. Traditionally, on or about May 3rd, the City of San Francisco celebrates Polish American Friendship and Heritage Day at a flag raising ceremony at City Hall, organized in years past by the Polish American Congress and now by the SF-Kraków Sister Cities organization. Friends of Poland join Polish-Americans at an annual concert in Golden Gate Park in honor of Constitution Day sponsored by the Polish American Congress, Polish Veterans, and Łowicanie Polish Folk Ensemble of San Francisco.

The Partitions: The Russian Empire, the Kingdom of Prussia and Habsburg Austria -- all ruled by absolute monarchs -- collaborated in the destruction of Poland and divided the territory among themselves in three successive partitions: **1772**, **1793** and finally in **1795**. Despite many attempts to regain their independence, including the final one led by Tadeusz Kościuszko (ironically a man who helped America win its freedom), Poland was **partitioned** in 1795 and the Commonwealth ceased to exist. Thus, **three times in the second half of the 18th century Poland lost its sovereignty** by territorial seizures from neighboring countries. The Ottoman Empire was the only major country that did not recognize the partitions of Poland.



Poland regained its independence as the **Second Polish Republic** in **1918** -- November 11th marking Poland's Independence Day. That year, **President Wilson** had proclaimed his support for a free Poland, with access to the sea, in his famous Fourteen Points. **Józef Piłsudski** (Chief of State) played a major role in creating the 1918 **Second Republic of Poland**. For only a short 21 years Poles enjoyed their long-sought-for freedom.

Between 1939 to 1989, Poles were forbidden to celebrate National Independence Day. After the collapse of the socialist/communist government, the holiday gained particular significance.



In August 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed the **Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact** that included a secret agreement to collaborate in the invasion, partition and occupation of Poland. With staggering brutality, Hitler and Stalin oversaw the destruction of cultural and educational institutions, and arrests, deportations, enslavement, torture and the execution of millions of Polish civilians. In response, the **Poles fielded the largest and most determined resistance in occupied Europe**. **Poland fought alongside the allies in Norway, North Africa, Italy, France, Belgium and the Netherlands, distinguished itself with its air force (The Polish 303 Fighter Squadron was the highest scoring squadron), had a small but effective navy, and contributed superb intelligence, including the first Enigma machine.** Without sufficient help from the Allies, however, their resistance, including the **Warsaw Uprising of 1944**, was doomed.

In total, **Poland lost six million citizens during the Second World War** – three million of whom were Jews. **All of Poland was annexed or occupied during WWII by Germans or Russians.** Helping Jews was punishable by death to entire families with at least a thousand such executions recorded.

At the war's end, Poland did not regain her freedom, having been turned over to the Soviet Union by her allies at the

Yalta Conference. Moscow then controlled Poland's internal and foreign affairs and the Polish Armed Forces. The Communist regime was installed with brutality including wholesale arrests and executions of former resistance members. Red Army forces were stationed in Poland until 1989. The **People's Republic of Poland (PRL)** was the official name of Poland from 1952 until 1989.

Solidarity (Solidarność), the largest and most successful non-violent resistance movement against the communist regime, united almost 10 million people from all walks of life: workers, students, professionals and intellectuals. Its most visible leader was the fiery labor leader, Lech Wałęsa. The regime tried to suppress Solidarity by imposing **martial law** and arresting thousands of dissidents. In the end, the government and the movement negotiated a compromise – agreeing to a partially free election -- but this election revealed the total moral bankruptcy of the regime and victory of the people. A year later, In the full and free election of 1990, Lech Wałęsa was elected the President of Poland.

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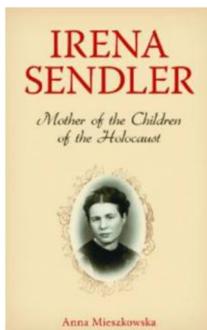
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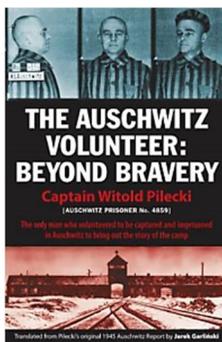
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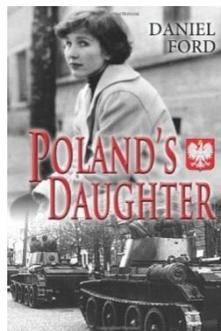
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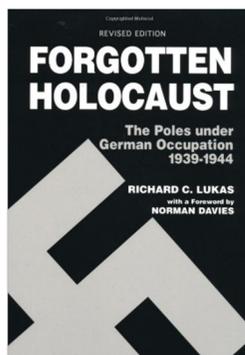


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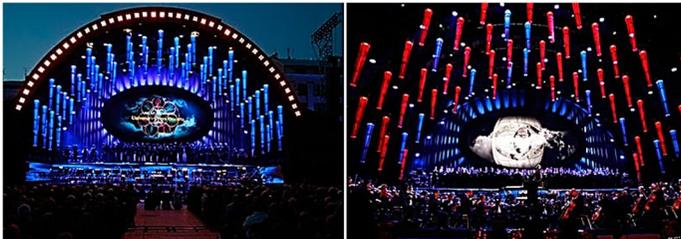
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