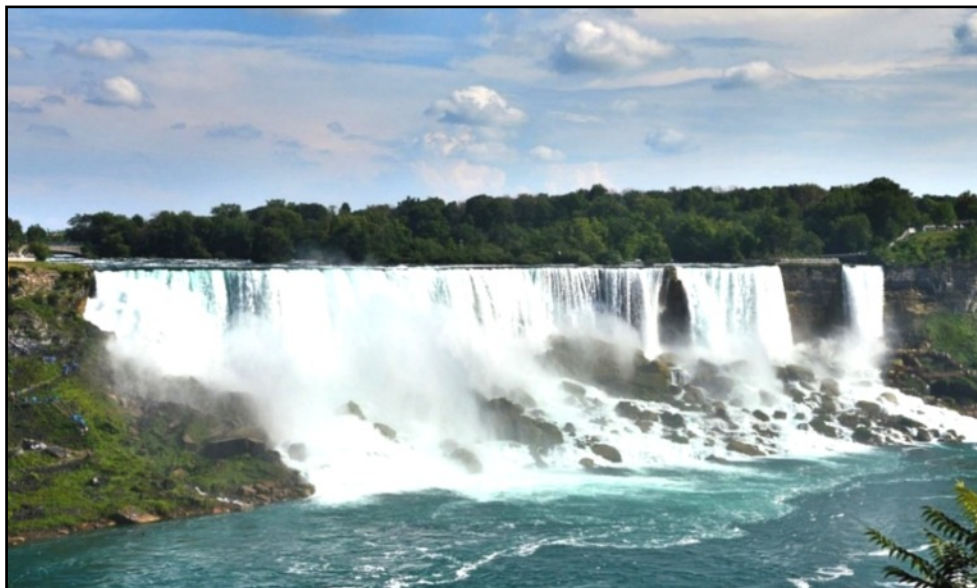


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District IV – Illinois/Michigan

Choru Filareci-Dudziarz #15 Działalność chóru rozpoczęliśmy spotkaniem w restauracji. Na spotkaniu tym omówiliśmy plan działalności i repertuar chóru na koncert jesienny. Próby chóru zaczęły się 27-go marca. Ćwiczyliśmy śpiewanie pieśni z repertuaru przyszłego koncertu. We wrześniu, zmarła nasza długoletnia członkini chóru, Czyżewska, Chór pożegnał ją, śpiewając dla niej na ceremonii w domu pogrzebowym. Nasz jesienny koncert odbył się 18 października, 2025 i miał miejsce w Hunter Restaurant w Chicago. Koncert przygotowany był przez prezeskę, a zarazem i dyrygentkę chóru: Jadwiga Koszałka. Chór zaśpiewał popularne i ludowe pieśni polskie. Chórzyści, Jerzy Kozyra, Agata Ząbek i Maria Gal, zaśpiewali kilka pieśni w duecie a także i solo. Koncert był udany i podobał się licznie zaproszonym gościom, którzy dali temu wyraz długimi, gromkimi oklaskami. Zaraz po występie podano obiad, potem była zabawa, trwająca długie godziny, z przerwami na loterię fantową i



Filareci Dudziarz Concert

sprzedaż kwiatów. Zabawa też była udana. Po koncercie, członkowie chóru spotkali się jeszcze raz aby podsumować odbyty koncert i omówić plany chóru na przyszły, 2026 rok.



Jerzy Kozyra and Agata Ząbek



Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Filarets Choir

District IV – Illinois/Michigan #293

Filarets Choir - The highlight of our year was the Club Filarets 90th Anniversary Gala held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at the American Polish Cultural Center (APCC) in Troy, Michigan. We were honored to have Polish Singers Alliance of America President Mary Lou Wyrobek join us for the celebration. Our performances for the year began on April 5, 2025 when we sang at a patriotic Holy Mass at St. Faustina Church in Warren to honor the memory of those who perished in Katyń and Smoleńsk. The Filarets were honored at the Friends of Polish Art Świąconka held on April 26 at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy. Special recognition was given to our choir members who were celebrating 60, 40, and 20-year membership anniversaries. Genowefa Mackiewicz, Nicolette Jakubowicz, Raymond Jakubowicz, Mirosław Wawrysz and Lucyna Domaracka have been singing with the choir for 60 years. For 40 years: Jerzy Bienkowski, Czesław Wojnar, Ludwik Chrobak, Józef Zielony, Dolores Patrick and Monika Biestek, while Janina Stanton, Zdzisława Gumul, Krzysztof Grzesiak, Mathew Kozłowski, Ryszard Tauszik, Bogdan Stępień and Christine Zarichney have been Filarets for 20 years. The Filarets gave a short concert after the luncheon which included an Easter hymn and a song adaptation by Janina Stanton. The St. John Paul II Liturgical Center in Orchard Lake often celebrates religious and Polish cultural events with Holy Mass. We thank the Liturgical Center's Director, Rev. Dr. Bernard Witek, SDS, for inviting us to sing at Mass frequently. Our choir sang there on May 4 for Polish Constitution Day, on August 17 for Polish Armed Forces Day, on October 18 for the Feast Day Mass of St. John Paul II, on November 9 for Poland's Independence Day, and on December 13 for the Liturgical Center's Wigilia. We also were happy to join in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Fr. Witek's Ordination at Holy Mass on June 1st. On February 15, 2026, we sang at Holy Mass in the Seminary Chapel for the Feast of SS. Cyril and Methodius. On August 23, 2025, members of our choir took part in the Polish Day Parade in Warren. On October 12 we took part in the Pulaski Day celebration

in Wyandotte, singing first at Holy Mass at Our Lady of the Scapular, and then at a patriotic celebration of Polish Heritage Month in nearby Pulaski Park along with Polish (P.A.V.A.) and Polish-American (P.L.A.V.) veterans, and the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Detroit. During the Christmas season we had several opportunities to share the beauty of Polish Christmas carols with our community. On Sunday, December 7 we sang for the guests at the APCC Christmas Buffet. On January 4, 2026, we sang kolędy at a special Polish Mass at St. Lawrence parish in Utica where Father Roman Pasieczny used the opportunity to also teach about traditional Catholic and Polish customs. To close out the Christmas season, we gave a concert of Polish Christmas Carols on January 24 at the Galeria in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Zdzisław Forys, President of Club Filarets



Filarets President Zdzisław Forys and wife, Alicja at 90th anniversary



Filarets Choir Concert at Orchard Lake

Lira Ensemble #314 celebrated their 60th year in 2025. Begun as a small group of singers, it expanded to the song and dance ensemble that continues to thrill audiences today. The Alliance of Polish Clubs hosted the Ensemble in anticipation of Polish Constitution celebration, adding the 1000th anniversary of the Kingdom of Poland on April 27, with additional concerts on April 28 and May 5. In June and July Lira hosted their tours of Poland, one to the North and one to Southern Poland. A special birthday party was celebrated

on September 7 to celebrate the 60th year. Lira prepared a new program of Polish song, dance and music in honor of the Kingdom of Poland's 1000th anniversary performed at the Prairie Lakes Theater on November 16. As always, the Christmas season was busy with performances in Milwaukee and Des Plaines. On March 26, 2026 a special program was held at the Polish Consulate featuring the Lira Ensemble.



Lucyna Migala, her sister, Diana Maria Migala, and Conductor Alice Stephens at the start of the Lira Singers c. 1965

District VII annually participates in the Kosciuszko celebration that takes place at West Point each year. In attendance at the morning Mass at the Catholic Chapel on the grounds of West Point and this year a special

rededication ceremony of the renovated monument was Bogdan Klich, Charge d'affaires and Head of the Polish Embassy's Mission and NYC Consul General Mateusz Sakowicz. The mass and ceremony were April 26. After the formal ceremony, members of the Polish Singers Alliance of America District VII choirs, who had led the singing at the morning's Mass, performed a few patriotic pieces under the direction of Klaudia Naumowicz-Niewiadomska including the Kosciuszko verse of Poland's National Anthem and gathered around as Mr. Klich laid flowers by the monument, along with Mr. Sakowicz and Polish and American Cadets from the Kosciuszko Squadron at the Military Academy. A luncheon followed. On May 4, District 7 sang at the Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA for the May 3rd Constitution Day observance which also included a luncheon, symposium of choral techniques by the shrine's organist and a picnic. As always, the Pulaski Day Parade is a grand event, beginning with Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral where District VII choirs participate. On November 9 a special Mass and Concert was held at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Brooklyn celebrating the Millenium of the Coronation of Poland's First King in which we participated. Unfortunately, the annual Koncert Koled which was to take place at the Czestochowa Shrine at Doylestown was snowed out. District VII again participated at the Kosciuszko celebration in April 2026 dampened by rain, but the Mass and luncheon offered the opportunity for singing.



District 7 at Kosciuszko Monument Rededication at West Point and at New York's Pulaski Parade - 2025



Marcella Kočańska-Sembrich Chorus No. 321 – David Zagórski, Choral Director

Since April, 2025, the Chorus continued weekly rehearsals at the Associated Polish Home in anticipation of the District 7 convention, which ultimately took place in November. The Chorus was unable to participate due to prior commitments on the part of many of the members as well as those of the Director. The change from an April/May date to November proved to be problematic. On the first Sunday of October, the Chorus marched and sang before the Reviewing Stand in Philadelphia's Annual Pułaski Day Parade. The Parade is televised. After almost two years of planning and rehearsing, the Chorus presented *Tango Cabaret*, a program dedicated to the Polish Tango—mostly the works of the legendary composer, Jerzy Petersburski and lyricist, Andrzej Włast. Tango Dancers were a highlight of the program. And on January 11, 2026, the Chorus presented its traditional *Koncert Koled*, also at the Associated Polish Home. Special guests were three young men, whom we hope will become part of the revitalized Paderewski Choral Society. The District 7 Christmas Concert was cancelled due to weather. We look forward to gathering together in Buffalo at the International PSAA Convention.

Deborah M. Majka, President - April, 2026



Polish Tango Concert



Marcella Kochańska-Sembrich Chorus

Chóru Hejnał #323 - 8 marca – Koncert z okazji 25. Rocznicy Fundacji Nowodworskiego oraz 400. Rocznicy śmierci Bartłomieja Nowodworskiego. **Repertuar:** Anonim (XIII-XIV ww.) – Bogurodzica, Mikołaj Gomółka - Nieście chwałę mocarze, K. Niegowski (tekst M. Mroczek) – Hymn Rycerza Św. Jana (prawykonanie), utwór powstał na specjalne zamówienie organizatorów obchodów 400. rocznicy śmierci Bartłomieja Nowodworskiego. **21-23 marca 2025r.** Koncert Pamięci Św. Jan Pawła II. „Silni wiarą, nadzieją i miłością” (zorganizowany przez Fundację Ars Activa i Slavic Arts Ensemble, Inc.). Chór wykonał utwór Krzysztofa Niegowskiego (tekst Mariusz Mączak) „Silni wiarą, nadzieją i miłością”. **5 października** – 88. Parada Pułaskiego, Nowy Jork. Wspólnie z chorami VII Okręgu Chóru Hejnał wziął udział w oprawie muzycznej mszy św., w Katedrze Św. Patryka i uczestniczył w paradzie na 5. Alei w Nowym Jorku. **9 października**– Dzień Dziedzictwa Polskiego w Centrum Polsko Słowiańskim, Chór wykonał utwór Krzysztofa Niegowskiego „Silni wiarą, nadzieją i miłością”. **19 października** – Konkatedra Św. Józefa w Brooklynie, NY. Uroczysta Msza św. Dziedzictwa Polskiego połączona z upamiętnieniem 1000 – letniej Rocznicy powstania Królestwa Polskiego. Udział Chóru Hejnał w oprawie muzycznej uroczystości wraz z chórami VII Okręgu ZSPA. **5 listopada** – Kościół Stanisława Biskupa Męczennika na Manhattanie. Podczas mszy świętej Chór wykonał m.in. takie utwory jak: Anonim – Bogurodzica, Być bliżej Ciebie chcę, Barka oraz utwór specjalnie skomponowany na Rok Milenijny przez Jakuba Polaczka „Znak Gniezna”. W tym dniu odbyło się prawykonanie tego utworu. Jak podkreślił obecny podczas tej

uroczystości Kardynał Stanisław Dziwisz: był to „bardzo patriotyczny i rodzinny wieczór”. **23 listopada** – Centrum Polsko- Słowiańskie. „Żywa lekcja historii”, Fundacja Nowodworskiego i spotkanie z polonijną młodzieżą. Chór wykonał utwory: Anonim – Bogurodzica, Krzysztof Niegowski - „Hymn Św. Jana” oraz Stefan Rozdzyński- „Oj, nasi jadą”. **9 grudnia** – Oplątek chórally w siedzibie Chóru przy Kościele Świętego Stanisława Kostki. Wspólne kołędowanie. **1,10,11 Stycznia 2026r.** – Koncerty Bożonarodzeniowe w kościołach w Brooklynie **18 Stycznia**– Koncert Bożonarodzeniowy w Centrum Polsko-Słowiańskim. Chór wykonał utwór Jana Maklakiewicza „Serca ludzkie siadują”. **05 marca**– Koncert na Dzień Pieśni Polskiej w Centrum Polsko-Słowiańskim.



Chor Hejnał at Doylestown Shrine.

Polonia-Paderewski Choir #287 & #311: Październik 19/2025 i Za znaczny wkład w rozwój społeczności lokalnej stowarzyszenie przyznało 7 nominacji, a w tym dla naszego choru „Nominacja zbiorowa” Jest to bardzo prestiżowe wyróżnienie, które dezygnował Governor CT Ned Lamont 22 - Listopada zaspiewaliśmy na bankiecie Charity Gala 2025 w The Falcon Banquet & Event Center, New Britain, CT A dzisiaj – Chor Polonia Paderewski liczy 30 spiewaków i ostatnio współpracuje z dyrygentem Kazimierzem Pabisiak. Uczestniczy – zgodnie ze swoimi ideami w wydarzeniach cyklicznych, takich jak: - koncerty koled- Dzień Kosciuszki w West Point, NY- 3-maja, Dzień Zolnierza, Dozynki, Parada Pułaskiego W tym roku chór został wyróżniony tytułem Marszałka Parady Pułaskiego, którym została Prezes Teresa Ziemak A chór ciągle jest ważnym elementem VII-go Okregu ZSPA i trwa zgodnie z wiodacą myśla, ze: GORA PIESN POLSKA!



Polonia Paderewski at Christmas concert at Sacred Heart Church in New Britain



Polonia Paderewski at Polish American Business & Professional Association Person of the Year Award, October 19, 2025

Rok ten zapisał się wyjątkowo pracowicie i uroczyście w kronice **Chóru Aria #303**.

Chór Aria aktywnie i systematycznie uczestniczył w oprawie muzycznej nabożeństw w okresie Bożego Narodzenia oraz Wielkiego Postu, wnosząc swoim śpiewem podniosłą atmosferę modlitwy i refleksji. Dnia 9 września 2025 roku Chór Aria wziął udział w uroczystości patriotycznej przed Pomnikiem Katyńskim w Jersey City (New Jersey), oddając hołd ofiarom Zbrodni Katyńskiej. Szczególnie doniosłym wydarzeniem był udział Chóru w obchodach Jubileuszu 1000-lecia Państwa Polskiego, które odbyły się 19 października 2025 roku w Nowym Jorku. Obecność Chóru Aria podczas tej historycznej uroczystości była wyrazem pamięci o tysiącletnich dziejach Ojczyzny oraz dumy z polskiego dziedzictwa narodowego. W dniu 11 listopada 2025 roku Chór uczestniczył w obchodach Narodowego Święta Niepodległości, połączonych z uroczystym podniesieniem flagi narodowej w Hackensack, New Jersey, wykonując pieśni patriotyczne

i narodowe. Kolejnym ważnym akcentem z okazji tego święta był koncert pieśni patriotycznych i żołnierskich w kościele Most Sacred Heart w Wallington. Chór Aria brał również udział w lokalnych wydarzeniach społeczno-kulturalnych, takich jak świąteczny festiwal „Christmas Tree Lighting”, organizowany przy Civic Center w Wallington. Szczególne miejsce w działalności Chóru zajmuje coroczny, tradycyjny Oplatek Chóru, który odbył się 14 grudnia w kościele Most Sacred Heart w Wallington, NJ. Spotkanie to, pełne świątecznej atmosfery, modlitwy i wspólnego koledowania, stanowi ważny element integrujący środowisko chóralne. Chór Aria również bierze udział w obchodach Dnia Kościuszki w Akademii Wojskowej West Point, gdzie swoim śpiewem oddaje hołd bohaterowi narodowemu. **Jadwiga Slusarczyk**, Prezes



Aria Chorus



Aria Chorus at the Katyn Memorial Ceremony in New Jersey in September 2025.

Chopin Singing Society #182, Passaic, NJ participated on April 26 at West Point Military Academy with District 7 at the annual Kosciuszko Holy Mass Remembrance in Holy Trinity Chapel on the grounds, followed by the festivities/ceremonies inaugurating and unveiling the newly renovated column and refinished statue of Tadeusz Kosciuszko. On May 4, with District 7, Chopins sang at the Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady

of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA for the May 3rd Constitution Day observance which also included a luncheon, symposium of choral techniques by the shrine's organist and a delicious Polski Barbeque/Picnic on the grounds. On July 24 at the 3rd Ward Park in Passaic, the choir preceded the Jimmy Sturr performance with a 20-minute program of Polish folk songs and National Hymns. On October 4, we sang at the City of Clifton Municipal Complex for the Annual Polish Flag-Raising Ceremony prior to the Pulaski Parade on 5th Avenue in New York City the next day where we joined the District in singing for Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral and enroute to the Cathedral with the Passaic and vicinity and District 7 contingents during the Parade. On November 2, we participated in song with other cultural groups from Passaic and vicinity at the Dream Arena in the Meadowlands of Rutherford, NJ for Polish Day. On November 9, we joined with the District for Mass and a concert at St. Joseph R. C. Co-Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY celebrating the Millenium of the Coronation of Poland's First King. On December 7, we hosted our annual Christmas Concert and Dinner at St. John Kanty Church in Clifton. On Christmas Day we sang Koledy for Mass at St. Joseph Church and on December 28 at St. Stephen Church in Paterson.



Chopin Singing Society #182 – Passaic, NJ.

Jutrzenka Singing Society #226 is meeting weekly in the Polish Slavic Center in Brooklyn, NY. However, this year due to a bad winter we had to cancel our rehearsal a few times. Our conductor is Mark Filatov, a fresh graduate from the Manhattan School of Music. We have 15 members, but only 12 singing. We perform locally. On June 1, 2025 we had a concert for Mothers' Day at St. Stanislaw Kostka Church in Greenpoint. We had a break for the summer starting in June, and resumed rehearsal in the middle of August. The month of October when the annual Pulaski Parade takes place was a very busy

month. On October 5, the day of the Parade, we sang at St. Patrick Cathedral then we joined the parade immediately with our banner to march along with others. We also celebrated Polish Heritage with our participation in a concert at the Polish and Slavic Center with other choirs. On October 18 our members participated in the one year anniversary of Kosciuszko's commemorative plaque of his achievements being placed on the bridge. Our members participated in this event on the Kosciuszko bridge of Brooklyn singing National Anthems with representatives from many polish organizations, city councilmen, and Fr. Markulak. The celebration of the Polish Kingdom being 1000 years on October 19 was celebrated with singing with District 7 at a special mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Brooklyn. After this mass we enjoyed refreshments and took group photos with the portrait of first Polish King Boleslaw Chrobry. Our ladies visited senior center "AMICO" on November 16 in Brooklyn during the International Music Showcase, and performed Polish folk songs which received applause from the appreciative audience. Jutrzenka participated in Marie-Sklodowska Curie Professional Women's annual event November 14 with fundraising for scholarships for Polish students. On December 15 we had a Christmas Party at Our Lady of Czestochowa at our past meeting rehearsal space in Brooklyn. The priest joined us, blessing the oplatek and us. We sang Christmas Carols and enjoyed food together. For the first time in December 20 Nowodworski Foundation invited us to sing Christmas Carols during their exhibition for the best model of "Szopka Krakowska." At Our Lady of Czestochowa (where we are always welcomed with warm applause) we had a Christmas concert on January 4, 2026. On January 18 we performed Christmas carols at St. Matthias Church of Ridgewood Queens, and on the same day at the Polish Slavic Center in Brooklyn. On March 16 we sang different songs at the funeral of our former choir member, Mary Wozniak. It was a somber occasion that united former and present members of our choir. Easter Sunday some of our ladies participated in a traditional "Easter Breakfast" in Central Park at the monument of King Jagiello where we sang and ate traditional Polish food. Later, we started our preparation for the PSAA International Convention. Due to age and health concerns, three of our elder choir members are not able to attend this year's Convention. However, we decided to come anyway even in a small number. We hope to gain more members in the future and continue to sing together.

Leokadia Juszcak - President



Thanksgiving wishes from Jutrzenka!

District IX holds two events each year at Christmas. The Festival of Carols was held on January 4, 2026 at St. Gregory the Great Church, a new venue. Included in the program was Chopin's Scherzo No. 1 which incorporates "Lulajże Jezuniu," masterfully played by Melanie Bebak, Assistant Director of the Chopin Singing Society. Maria Lesniak, District IX General Director led the combined choruses. Canadian guests were treated to typical Buffalo fare of pizza and chicken wings. The following week, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church hosted the choirs for Hamilton's annual Koledy with parish choirs of all ages joining the festivities in the packed church. The concert is always followed by a lovely dinner of wonderful home-made foods in the Polish Center where about 200 people enjoyed food, drink, conversation, singing and a raffle besides. Chopin director, Dr. Brad Wingert and Ms. Lesniak led the combined chorus. While some Kalina Singing Society members participated in the dinner, they were unable to join in the singing as their director, Edward Witul, recently passed away. We look forward to hosting everyone at the 53rd International Convention.



"Koncert Koled" in Hamilton, Ont. Combined Chorus – January 2026



District IX General Director Maria Lesniak and accompanist Ivan Docenko with the combined chorus at the "Festival of Carols" in Buffalo - January, 2026

Chór Symfonia #291, mimo różnych problemów i borykania się z ciągłym brakiem w poszczególnych sekcjach głosowych, a zwłaszcza brakiem głosów męskich, zdołał pozyskać kilka nowych osób w minionym roku, i działa nieprzerwanie na polonijnej scenie Hamilton i okolic już 75 lat. Właśnie w październiku tego roku będzie nasz Jubileusz. Na przestrzeni ostatniego roku spotykaliśmy się nie tylko na próbach, ucząc się nowych utworów i doskonaląc te już nam znane, koncertując, umilając śpiewem patriotyczne wydarzenia, ale także spotykaliśmy się towarzysko świętując urodziny naszych członków, na wspólnych ogniskach i imprezach wyjazdowych. Razem witaliśmy i żegnaliśmy lato, wspólnie wchodziliśmy w Nowy 2026 Rok na Zabawie Sylwestrowej w Domu Polskim, i razem celebrowaliśmy Walentynki. Miło spędziliśmy czas świętując z tutejszą Polonią Dożynki, na kilkudniowym wyjeździe na Kaszuby Ontaryjskie, czy ma imprezie przy basenie albo na jesiennym ognisku. Oczywiście wszędzie towarzyszyło nam wspólne śpiewanie, nie tylko chóralne, ale i biesiadne, a nasi utalentowani koledzy przygrywali na różnych instrumentach. Zaznaczyliśmy też naszą obecność podczas świąt narodowych. 27 kwietnia 2025 r. Braliśmy udział w Akademii z okazji Konstytucji 3-go Maja zorganizowanej przez Polską Szkołę Grupy 2 Związku Polaków w Kanadzie, pod patronatem Kongresu Polonii Kanadyjskiej. Nasi przedstawiciele uczestniczyli w Święcie Flagi w City Hall 2 maja 2025 r.

Wakacje były czasem luźniejszym, aczkolwiek obfitowały w spotkania towarzyskie w mniejszych lub większych grupach braci chóralnej. Były też czasem zespołowej pracy nad porządkowaniem naszej biblioteczki z nutami, a przez 75 lat uzbierała się pokaźna ilość utworów. Po wakacyjnej przerwie



Symfonia members at Kashuba, Ontario – the oldest Polish settlement in Canada

wystąpiliśmy w listopadzie na Akademii z okazji Święta Niepodległości, a później w styczniu z 2 koncertami kolędowymi, w Buffalo i w Hamilton. Tym razem sami przygotowaliśmy bankiet, co wymagało ogromu pracy i zaangażowania ze strony wszystkich chórzystów.

Okazało się, że wzajemna współpraca przy organizacji bankietu, przy dekorowaniu sali i w kuchni przy gotowaniu, jeszcze bardziej nas przybliżyła jako chóralną wspólnotę. I mimo zmęczenia, przyniosło nam to wiele satysfakcji, a goście odjechali zadowoleni i dobrze nakarmieni. A oba koncerty kolędowe, które odbyły się z udziałem kilku innych zaprzyjaźnionych chórów, możemy uznać za udane. Teraz przed nami dużo pracy, gdyż intensywnie przygotowujemy się do Konkursu Chórów należących do Związku Śpiewaków Polskich Ameryki Północnej, który będzie miał miejsce 16 maja 2026 r. W Niagarze Amerykańskiej. I na pewno z większością chórów się tam spotkamy.

Ale po drodze czeka nas jeszcze Akademia 3 Maja, śpiewanie w City Hall na Święcie Flagi i udział w Paradzie Polonii w Toronto. A po konkursie czekają nas ostre przygotowania do Jubileuszu 75-lecia, na który serdecznie zapraszamy naszych sympatyków i przyjaciół Chóru Symfonia. Nasz Bankiet Jubileuszowy odbędzie się 24 października w hali Biały Orzeł przy 1015 Barton St. E. w Hamilton. Do zobaczenia na bankiecie.

Sekretarz chóru : **Renata Kobrzynska**



Symfonia celebrating Polish Constitution Day, May 3rd.



The Chopin Singing Society performs at the “Christmas Around the World” Polish Arts Club Event in December 2025

Chopin Singing Society #219 members gathered on May 2 at the Unsung Heroes Pulaski Association Dinner to honor member David McElroy who received an award, and on May 17 the choir led the music at Mass at St. Pius X Church. On May 21 our accompanist, Amelia Wroblewski, played piano and a number of members attended the Rededication of the Polish Room at the University of Buffalo. On May 26 we again participated in the Memorial Day gathering at AmVets Post 72. On June 7 a special concert was held in honor of the Rededication of the Chopin Monument at Symphony Circle on the 100th anniversary of it being gifted to the City of Buffalo by the Chopin Singing Society in 1925. Performances by the Msgr. Adamski Polish Saturday School Choir, the Chopin Singing Society, pianist Amelia Wroblewski, and soloist Melanie Bebak were included and a floral tribute at the monument was followed by a lovely reception hosted by Michael Cimasi.

On June 15 the choir joined with the Cheektowaga Community Symphony Orchestra at Cheektowaga Town Park Stage for a Flag Day Concert under the baton of Dr. Thomas Witakowski. Once again on June 25 we sang for the Oath of Citizenship Ceremony aboard the USS Little Rock presided over by the Hon. Lawrence Vilardo, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. On July 25 the choir sang folk songs at the side stage at the Cheektowaga Polish Festival and then at Mass with John Gora and his Orchestra. On August 5 our annual Mass for deceased members was held with Fr. Benjamin Fiore, S.J. presiding and a picnic dinner following, all at Stiglmeier Park. On September 16 at a reception following rehearsal, we said “goodbye” and offered a gift of a portable, foldable piano to our wonderful accompanist, Amelia Wroblewski, and wished her well on her new job at Jagiellonian University. On October 12 some members participated in the Pulaski Day Parade in



Chopin Singing Society 126th Anniversary Concert – St. Stanislaus B&M Church – October 2025

Williamsville sponsored by the Pulaski Association. Our 126th Anniversary Concert was held October 19 at St. Stanislaus Church dedicated to Ann & Ted Mikoll and our deceased predecessors. The Msgr. Peter Adamski Polish Saturday School choir sang, as well as Leokadja Dombroska/PSAA Scholarship winner, Emily Helenbrook, in a program remembering the 1000th anniversary of the Kingdom of Poland and the 500th anniversary of the Prussian Homage. A reception followed in the Social Hall. On October 25 some members sang in the choir with Dr. Wingert for the Vigil Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, and we continued our new tradition on November 25 of taping of WBBZ's "A Polish Christmas" at Corpus Christi Church which aired four times in the Christmas season on WBBZ and is available on-line. On December 6 our annual Wigilia was held at Creekside Banquet Facility including a performance of Koledy. Then on December 13, Chopins participated in the Polish Arts Club "Christmas Around the World" event at Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center. January 4 saw them at St. Gregory the Great Church in the District IX Festival of Carols. The Polish Saturday School Choir also sang, directed by Chopin President Mary Lou Wyrobek. Then on January 10, members sang for the funeral of deceased member Danuta Borusowska. January 11 found us at Hamilton's St. Stanislaus Kostka Church for the Koncert Koled held by District IX and hosted by Symfonia. On February 1 members attended Andy Golebiowski's "Oplatek" at St. Stanislaus Church. On March 22 the annual Chopin birthday celebration "Celebrating the Birthday of Frederick Chopin and Commemorating Revolutionary War Heroes on America's 250th" Anniversary was held at Montante Cultural Center where the choir was joined by the Canisius University Chorale under Dr. Brad Wingert's direction. Members Michael Cygan and Melanie Bebak and accompanist Karen Swietlik-Schmid performed piano music of Chopin, as well as Kosciuszko. Our annual meeting and election took place March 24, and April 6 was our big fundraising Dyngus Day celebration at St. Stanislaus Social Hall featuring a

blessing of food with a few songs performed, a dance performance by Krakowiacy Dancers, three bands, wonderful food, wine and beer, and lots of fun. In Memoriam: singer Danuta Borusowska and long-time supporter Edward Szemraj.



Msgr. Peter Adamski Polish Saturday School Choir performed at the Chopin Singing Society 126th Anniversary Concert in October 2025

The Msgr. Peter Adamski Polish Saturday School Choir joined the ranks of the Polish Singers Alliance in November of 2024 under the auspices of the Chopin Singing Society #219. They have become a regular fixture at our District IX Festival of Carols and in October 2025 performed at the Chopin Singing Society's annual concert. As noted, for two seasons, they have performed in the Community Spotlight concert at



Polish Saturday School students perform in the Community Spotlight prior to Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's concert April 11, 2026



Polish Saturday School students and teachers pose with Pablo Sainz Villegas, classical guitarist at center.

Kleinhans Music Hall prior to the regularly scheduled Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's concert. It is a wonderful experience for the children as they can then attend a BPO concert with parents receiving a discounted ticket. The audience is basically non-Poles who get to hear traditional and contemporary Polish songs with commentary provided by Mira Szramel, the school's principal. This year they were also able to meet the guitarist, Pablo Sainz-Villegas, who gave a beautiful message to the children. The choir also performs regularly at Polish Saturday School events including the annual Jaselka and Swieconka, as well as various events marking special occasions and historic events, most recently in honor of Polish Constitution Day.



Polonia Choir performing in the Christmas season.

Polonia Choir of Edmonton #332: This past season was rich in learning and performance opportunities for the Polonia Choir. Our new director Lidia Khaner introduced us to a completely new repertoire, and the choir was restructured. Bases and tenors form one section now—baritones—made stronger by three new voices. Two more voices joined the altos and the sopranos. On June 7, 2025, the choir gave a concert at the beautiful Edmonton City Hall to celebrate Polish Canadian Heritage Day. In September we never stopped singing! Sep 11, the choir was invited to sing at the Polish Combatants Association (SPK) anniversary celebrations. Sep 13-14, the choir attended an intensive two-day choral workshop, led by Rob Curtis, Artistic Director of Edmonton's I Coristi Chamber Choir. On Sep 27, Polonia Choir in collaboration with Łowicz Polish Folklore Ensemble of Edmonton presented an afternoon of song and dance titled Do Kraju Tego in the beautifully decorated Polish Hall. In October, the choir sang during the 35th Anniversary Celebration Mass at Our Lady Queen of Poland Church and in November, the choir sang at the Polish Independence Celebration (Akademia). The Christmas season for Polonia Choir began with participation in the annual Silent Night concert at the University of Alberta, which marked the 25th anniversary of these concerts organized by the

Wirth Institute of Austrian and Central European Studies to raise funds for the University Food Bank. The choir was accompanied by a trio of musicians. An evening of carol singing at the Polish Veterans' Home closed the season. All along, we have been learning and polishing a set of songs to present at the 22nd International Choir Festival MUNDUS CANTAT, which will take place in Sopot, Poland from May 20–24, 2026. We are very excited as this will be Polonia Choir's first trip to Poland. We wish all our fellow singers in PSAA a successful convention in the most hospitable city of Buffalo, and another joyful singing season.

Anna Mioduchowska, Secretary for the Polonia Choir



Kalina Singing Society #221 This past year has been a challenging year for Kalina. It began very well with our 124th concert and banquet at Kiebzak's Banquet Hall. But in November, our beloved director, Edward J. Witul, took ill, was hospitalized and passed away on December 4, 2025. We are deeply saddened and will miss him greatly. A Mass was celebrated for Kalina's intention on September 27 at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish. Our annual Wigilia was held on December 14 at Polish Falcons. Mary Jean Syrek was chair and a good time was had by all. The Koledy Singalong was especially enjoyable. Kalina is looking forward to the International Convention in Niagara Falls with Brad Wingert as our director. Lastly, but very importantly, the Kalina Singing Society is celebrating a milestone 125th anniversary this year. Formed in 1901, Kalina has a treasured history of concerts, operettas, balls, and convention participation with many awards. We will gather to celebrate this milestone event on Sunday, June 7 with a banquet, concert and various greetings. In addition, we anxiously await the debut of Gregory Witul's history book covering the 125-year history of the Kalina Singing Society. Greg is the nephew of our recently deceased director.



Members of Kalina Singing Society with special member-anniversary awards as they celebrate their 124th Anniversary



In this season **Cantabile Choir** has sung at major church festivities and regular Sundays at St. Anthony's in Oakville, mastering a variety of both Polish and Latin repertoire. In the Christmas season Cantabile Choir participated in the "Festival of Carols" in Buffalo and "Koncert Kolęd" in Hamilton. Cantabile performed also in Jasełka at St. Anthony Parish in Oakville. After participating at the PSAA Convention, on the weekend of May 23/24 the choir will be singing at the Banquet and solemn Mass commemorating Father Machnacki's 40th anniversary of ordination as a priest.

RADOSC-JOY (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada) The 2025-2026 season was a busy one for the members of Radosc-Joy. Spring brought us performances at Buffalo's Dyngus Day, Mississauga's annual Polish Day and the Carassauga Multicultural weekend, Toronto's Trzeci Mai, appearances at Wawel Villa and Copernicus Retirement homes, as well as our Parish (St Maximilian Kolbe) celebrations such as Easter processions, Boze Cialo and fundraisers. All this culminated with our Spring concert which showcased all the groups. Our senior group (30 in number), travelled to Greece in July. We participated in 2 festivals in Paralia, sang and did a spontaneous dance presentation at the Polish church in Athens, and enthusiastically participated in a performance with several of the

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In Memoriam

Mary Wozniak (January 16, 1937-March 9, 2026)

Mary was an Honorary Member of the Polish Singers Alliance of America and a long-standing member of Jutrzenka Singing Society. She was active in District VII activities and choir activities for many years.

She is survived by her siblings, Josephine and Anthony; her nieces, Elizabeth and Amanda; her nephew Thomas; and her great-niece Ava Marie.



Edward J. Witul,
(1949-2025)

Ed Witul was a well-known organist and choir director and an Honorary Member of the Polish Singers Alliance of America. Ed received a B.A. in music from the University of Buffalo and M.A. of Music specializing in choral conducting from the University of Tennessee.

He started his career as a church organist at the age of 15 and has been an organist and choir director for numerous parishes throughout his career for the Diocese of Buffalo and recently retired from Our Lady Help of Christians in Cheektowaga, NY. He also served many years as a music teacher at numerous Catholic Schools in the diocese and is a retired music teacher from the Buffalo City Schools. Ed is a past member of the American Guild of Organists, National Association of Pastoral Musicians, American Choral Directors Association, American Choral Foundation and is past officer and board member of the Church Musicians Guild of Buffalo. Ed was also past choral director of the Bavarian Singers of Buffalo, the Polish Singing Circle (Kolo), Assistant Director of the Chopin Singing Society for a time, and was currently choral director of the Kalina Singing Society. In addition, Ed was recognized as the Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year in Music in 1986. Beloved son of the late Edward and late Florence Witul; devoted brother of Larry (Deborah) Witul and Mark Witul; loving uncle of Eric (Renee) Witul, Jacob (Tracy) Witul, Kyle Witul, Evan (Bri) Witul and Gregory (Mary) Witul; also survived by 8 great nieces and nephews, dearest friend of 50 years of Tony Kozak, many cousins and friends.





A collage of Radosc's activities.

local groups at St Denis Cathedral in Athens. Of course there was time for sightseeing, shopping, and cooling swims in the sea. The fall brought us Dozynki, the Roncesvalles Polish weekend, several shows with our Chinese friends, and wedding performances. Our members (4 groups ranging in ages from 4 to 25+), participated in our "Christmas Concert" (held in January)...even though we were in the midst of a severe snow storm...the show must go on! You can view this on our Facebook page. After this, our senior group participated in a mini warsztaty led by Maciej Wilczynski from Krakow, Poland. Maciej led us through 3 evenings of intense rehearsals, culminating in the foundations of our new Suita Cieszyńska. Now we are looking forward to a very busy spring. Wishing the best to all the groups.

Ania Piwowarczyk (Artistic Director)

Note: Radosc members also came to celebrate Dyngus Day in Buffalo on April 6 and a good time was had by all.

