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**MEMPHIS IN MAY**  
**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**  
S A L U T E S

**POLAND**

**MEMORIES OF THE "SALUTE TO POLAND" PROGRAM**



# Time to Elect Poland as Country of Honor!



**POLISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY**

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Embassy  
of the Republic of Poland  
in Washington, D.C.

Consular Section  
26-90-2013

Washington, September 23, 2013

**Mr. James L. Holt  
President and CEO  
Of Memphis in May  
International Festival, Inc.**

September 15, 2013

Mr. James L. Holt  
President and CEO of Memphis in May International Festival, Inc.  
56 S. Front Street, Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Mr. Holt,

On behalf of the Polish-American community in Memphis Metropolitan Area I am asking you to kindly consider Poland as a theme country for the 2015 edition of the Memphis in May International Festival.

About 200 families of Polish origin live currently in the Memphis area. Many of them are immigrants who came to the U.S. during the 1980's, the times when martial law was introduced by the Polish communist regime in order to put an end to the Solidarity opposition. However, the movement was not suppressed and in 1989 the communist government ceased to exist. This unprecedented historical event set an example for other countries creating a domino effect and finally led to the fall of communism in the Soviet Union.

Poland is now an important member of the European Union and NATO and one of only a few in Europe who evaded the recent economic recession.

Poland played a significant role many a time in the history. On September 11, 1683 near Vienna Polish King Jan Sobieski led Europe's forces of 80,000 against the Ottoman Empire army of 300,000 and stopped their invasion of the European continent. The September 11 date became a symbol and in 2001 was chosen by Al-Qaeda to avenge the 1683 Ottoman defeat. In 1920 Polish Army stopped the Red Army in their attempt to spread communism in West Europe. Polish generals, Casimir Pulaski and Tadeus Kosciuszko, became heroes in the American Revolutionary War. In the recent years Polish and American troops fought side by side in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Polish-American community of Memphis is very active in promoting solidarity values, cultural heritage and international friendship. We are proud of our Nicolas Copernicus School of Polish Culture and Language, we take part in multinational events such as Germantown International Festival and sponsor Polish-American artists. We have strong ties with the Embassy of Poland in Washington D.C. who is willing to endorse our request to consider Poland in the 2015 MIM Festival and support our future participation if such an opportunity occurs.

Again, we kindly ask you to consider our proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jacek Konrad Dutkiewicz,  
President of the Polish-American Society of Memphis

Dear Mr. Holt,

Let me emphasize that we truly appreciate your involvement in the creation of the project "Memphis in May". Through such undertakings many ethnic communities in the U.S. have the opportunity to present the best achievements of their countries. They can introduce their culture, traditions and customs. We really do hope that the Polish community in Memphis also will have the opportunity to present our country. Also we would be really grateful if you could take into consideration selecting Poland as a country of "Memphis in May 2015".

In these last few years, Poland's significance around the world is increasing, and the importance of the Polish diaspora is expected to grow, along with the quality of its representatives beyond Poland's borders. In order for this to happen, new and innovative ways of communication and initiatives are needed. Poland has changed – our country is viewed not as a security consumer but as a security provider. In the European Union, which is currently trying to overcome its biggest financial challenges, Poland is widely considered as an important part of the solution.

Nowadays, in the most recent Census, 9.8 million Americans, about 3% of the US population, admitted to having Polish roots, also the Polish generation living abroad represent a completely different generation of the Polish diaspora. It is a generation of well-educated people, who understand the conditions and situation of the country that they live in. In Poland, authorities and organizations have also taken upon themselves to support initiatives for Poles living abroad. A good example of this is the Polish-American Society, launched by the Polish-American living in Tennessee. Let me highlight how much I appreciate their involvement and commitment in promoting Polish culture and history as well as teaching the community about Poland.

We kindly ask you to consider Poland as a theme country for the MIM 2015 and I fully hope that this event will provide an opportunity for all participants to exchange information, innovative ideas, knowledge and experience and you will be able to expand your network of contacts and friends.

Piotr Konowrocki  
Head of Consular Section

# Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf Accepts MIM's Invitation to Honor Poland!



Embassy  
of the Republic of Poland  
in Washington, D.C.

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Washington, July, 1, 2014

**Mr. James L. HOLT**  
President & CEO  
Memphis in May  
International Festival

I would like to thank you for your letter dated June 6, 2014.

It is my great pleasure to inform you that on behalf of Ambassador Schnepf we officially accept your invitation for Poland to be the honored country for the 39<sup>th</sup> Memphis in May International Festival in 2015.

Our Embassy staff will assist you and provide all the necessary contacts in Warsaw. We are also trying to help you organizing a one week planning visit in the fall to Poland. We will probably be able to cover your expenses at place, but unfortunately we could not pay your plane tickets to Warsaw.

I wish you all the best and hope to see you in Memphis in May 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Zagorski".

**Slawomir ZAGORSKI**

*Head of Science, Culture and Information Section*

# POLAND 2015

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014

## **POLAND TO BE THE 2015 MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL HONORED COUNTRY**

Memphis in May International Festival announces central European country as the honored country for 2015. Poland will be the saluted country during the 39th Annual Memphis in May International Festival. Poland is located in Central Europe situated between Russia and Germany and is known as Polska to its citizens. The historical roots of this country run deep, ranging from medieval times to iconic times in the world's history. With a stable economy and a focus on building a reputation not only on its history, but on its standing as a modern and contemporary country, the cultural possibilities for Mid-Southerners to experience are endless as Memphis in May International Festival salutes Poland.



# Thank-You Letters to the Polish Embassy and to the Leadership of MIM International Festival

**From:** Jacek Dutkiewicz [<mailto:jkdutkiewicz@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014 9:24 AM

**To:** Konowrocki Piotr; Pietrasieńska Ewa; Zagórski Sławomir; Szum Małgorzata; Walkuska Edyta; 'Marek Pienkowski'; [bbernhardt@thekf.org](mailto:bbernhardt@thekf.org); [jkdutkiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:jkdutkiewicz@gmail.com); [afirsowicz@hotmail.com](mailto:afirsowicz@hotmail.com); [jan.karski.institute@gmail.com](mailto:jan.karski.institute@gmail.com); [anna.korzan@verizon.net](mailto:anna.korzan@verizon.net); [slotarski64@verizon.net](mailto:slotarski64@verizon.net); [ted@mirecki.us](mailto:ted@mirecki.us); [rzo@jhu.edu](mailto:rzo@jhu.edu); [polishsarasota@gmail.com](mailto:polishsarasota@gmail.com); [rpp@msn.com](mailto:rpp@msn.com); [poloniawkornie@gmail.com](mailto:poloniawkornie@gmail.com); [bab54@cornell.edu](mailto:bab54@cornell.edu); [basiamcl@gmail.com](mailto:basiamcl@gmail.com)

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**Subject:** RE: Memphis salutes Poland - Memphis in May 2015

Szanowni Państwo, Drodzy Przyjaciele,

Z ogromną satysfakcją pragnę Państwa powiadomić, że dzięki staraniom Polish-American Society of Memphis i dzięki cennemu poparciu ze strony Kierownictwa Ambasady Polska została ostatecznie wybrana jako „Country of Honor” w przyszłorocznej edycji Memphis in May International Festival.

W szczególności chciałbym gorąco podziękować Panu Konsulowi Piotrowi Konowrockiemu, Pani Konsul Ewie Pietrasieńskiej, Panu Radcy Sławkowi Zagórskiemu i Paniom Małgorzcie Szum i Edycie Wałkuskiej za zaangażowanie w projekt, pismo do organizatorów Memphis in May i rozmowy przeprowadzone z Jimem Holtem, CEO Festiwalu. Impreza „Memphis in May” jest najważniejszym kulturalnym wydarzeniem w mieście Elvisa Presleya i B.B Kinga i jednym z największych międzynarodowych festiwali w Stanach Zjednoczonych. Można się więcej dowiedzieć na ten temat z informacji zamieszczonych w portalu MIM <http://www.memphisinmay.org/>.

W najbliższym czasie Kierownictwo MIM prześle do Pana Ambasadora RP propozycję wyboru Polski jako Country of Honor w 2015 roku i zaproszenie do udziału w Festiwalu. Po formalnym zaakceptowaniu tej propozycji przez Pana Ambasadora i przyjęciu zaproszenia do reprezentowania naszego ojczystego kraju przez Kierownictwo Ambasady w Festiwalu zostanie opublikowana przypuszczalnie w sierpniu oficjalna wiadomość o tym, że „Memphis in May salutes Poland in 2015”.

Będziemy prosić wszystkich Państwa o wsparcie, radę i pomoc w przygotowaniu do przyszłorocznej imprezy, ponieważ pragniemy, aby Polska stała się prawdziwym bohaterem tego niezwykle ważnego w USA międzynarodowego wydarzenia.

Jeszcze raz, w imieniu Poloni memfriańskiej, dziękuję Państwu pięknie za dotychczasowe wsparcie. Z góry dziękujemy także już teraz za dalszą pomoc, którą będziemy z nadzieją od wszystkich Państwa oczekiwać i która będzie nam na prawdę bardzo potrzebna.

Serdecznie pozdrawiam,

Jacek K. Dutkiewicz

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August 16, 2014

Mr. Jim Holt  
President and CEO  
Memphis in May International Festival

Dear Mr. Holt,

On behalf of the Polish-American community of Memphis I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your support in the process of electing Poland as the Country of Honor in the 2015 edition of Memphis in May International Festival. We are also grateful to your Staff and to the Board of Directors for all the preparatory work which had been done before the official announcement of Poland's election at the MIM IF Annual Meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Now we are looking forward to working with you and the MIM IF Staff on the preparation and execution of a high-quality program about Poland. We will do our best to help you make it most attractive, informative, interesting and useful to the Memphian public and to the many thousands of guests who will be visiting Memphis in May 2015.

Sincerely yours,

Jacek K. Dutkiewicz  
President  
Polish-American Society of Memphis

## a message from the PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN

The City of Memphis and the Mid-South comes alive in May! The annual Memphis in May International Festival unites local citizens and visitors from across the country and around the world in celebration. Each spring, Memphis in May offers a variety of award winning programs and events celebrating our honored country, its people, culture and heritage, as well as the unique and wonderful cultural attributes of Memphis. The 39th annual edition of the Memphis in May International Festival salutes the great nation of the Republic of Poland, our 2015 honored country, throughout our month-long festival.



JAMES L. HOLT



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We hope you will join us and experience Poland, a fascinating European country with incredible history, rich heritage and modern vibrant culture. We encourage you to explore and discover Poland through our program offerings in museums, venues, galleries and performance locations across Memphis. Discover the spectacular art, enjoy the intriguing cinema, sample the incredible cuisine, and learn of the notable influence and impact of this country and its people. Be sure and attend our two cultural performances "Poland Performs" on May 6th and "Chopin & Friends" on May 9th. You will find details on these great programs and more on the following pages.

We encourage you to celebrate Memphis as well! Please join us in Tom Lee Park to enjoy the great music at the Beale Street Music Festival, experience the competition at our World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest, and relish the sounds of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra as we say farewell to the Sunset Symphony in a special Grand Finale program.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and our dedicated community volunteers, we invite you to join us in May for a month of WORLD CLASS FUN.

**James L. Holt**  
President and CEO  
Memphis in May International Festival

**Wei Chen**  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Memphis in May International Festival



MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SALUTES

# 2015 POLAND

**ANNOUNCED AS COUNTRY OF HONOR  
on August 12, 2014,  
at the Annual MIM Meeting  
in the Memphis Botanic Garden**



Czesiek Grabowicz

Wei Chen

Gosia Stroinski

Halinka & Jacek Dutkiewicz

Grażynka Muswiłło

Monika Milczek

Susan Murrmann

Zbyszek Stroinski

# Memphis In May Salutes Country Of Poland In 2015

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Posted: Aug 12, 2014 6:21 PM CDT  
Updated: Aug 19, 2014 6:21 PM CDT





**Honored Nationals Meeting  
September 16, 2014  
Agenda**

Welcome

**Programs and General Updates**

- Student exchange
- World Cargo Crate
- Curriculum Guide
- Public Trip – March 14-22, 2015

**Site Visit to Poland - October 11-18**

- Target Agenda
- Program Selections and Program Selection Process  
*"Hey" band for BSMF*

**Identified areas where PAS of Memphis can be of assistance**

Getting the word out – share the excitement!

Utilize the website to share information, especially closer to May

Attend live events, seminars, speaking events, culinary nights  
and especially the Polish Cultural Show

International Gala – "Poland Under the Stars" on May 8, 2015

General assistance - Assist with purchasing and selling tickets & tables

General assistance – Small group to help with decoration & set up /breakdown

World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest

International Cooking Team – "Polska Porkers"

Utilize a limited number of PAS of Memphis volunteers to assist

Areas: setup/breakdown, decoration, cooking support, etc.

**Volunteer Program**

Opportunity for the rank & file Polish Memphian to join the ranks of our established volunteer committees to lend a hand with this year's festival. Individuals may volunteer based on their interest, time available as well as skill sets. All volunteers participate through the established system.

Program Overview

Volunteer Expo event





**From:** Randy Blevins [mailto:rblevins@memphisinmay.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 4:53 PM  
**To:** jkdutkiewicz@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Jim Holt  
**Subject:** Memphis in May International Festival - Poland

Dear Mr. Dutkiewicz,

It was a pleasure to meet you today and I look forward to working with you over the coming months! I'm excited to be a part of identifying, sourcing and presenting the culture and nation of Poland here in Memphis, Tennessee.

Thank you for your time and attention and especially for volunteering to lead the Honored Nationals for 2015 / Poland. As we mentioned during our meeting, if you can begin the process of collecting the list of Polish Americans here in Memphis this will become the primary mailing list and base for the Honored Nationals. Please feel free to send any initial list when you have that ready and any format will be acceptable.

Thank you again and please feel free to contact me at any time!

Sincerely,

Randy Blevins  
Vice President of Programming  
Memphis in May International Festival  
56 South Front Street  
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## First Site Visit of MIM Delegation to Poland



### Memphis in May International Festival Advance Site Visit to Poland – General Report

A delegation representing MIMIF consisting of Jim Holt, President & CEO and Randy Blevins, VP of Programming traveled to Poland October 11-18, 2014 with Wei Chen, Board Chairman and Ernest Strickland, Memphis Chamber joining October 13 & 14. The group was hosted by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Polish Press Agency who coordinated the itinerary of visits and meetings.

Highlights include meetings with Piotr Erenfeicht, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Urszula Penczek, Ministry of Culture and National Heritage; Zofia Schnitzer, Ministry of Economy; Robert Kepinski, Polish Tourist Organization as well as many insightful visits.

The delegation visited the capital city of Warsaw as well as Krakow.

The delegation attended 16 appointments, 15 cultural visits – 31 total.

#### Appointments

City of Warsaw Bureau of Education – Mr. Mirosław Sielatycki, Deputy Director  
 Ministry of Economy – Ms. Zofia Schnitzer, Chief Expert Promotion and Bilateral Communication  
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Mr. Piotr Erenfeicht, Department of Public and Cultural Diplomacy  
 Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PARP) – Mr. Michał Polanski, Director Economic Promotion  
 Lech Wałęsa Institute – Ms. Anna Marczak, Assistant to the Board of Directors  
 Adam Mickiewicz Institute – Ms. Katarzyna Swietochowska, Polska Music Department  
 AmCham Poland – Ms. Dorothy Dabrowski, Managing Director  
 Ministry of Culture and National Heritage – Ms. Urszula Penczek, Head of Unit, International Relations  
 Polish Tourist Organization – Mr. Robert Kępiński, Director Department of Marketing Planning  
 Propaganda Foundation - Mr. Jacek Sosnowski  
 The National Museum in Krakow – Mr. Janusz Czop, Deputy Director for Conservation; Mr. Marek Swica, Deputy Director for Research and Education; Ms. Monika Dylewska, Education Manager  
 Jewish Galicia Museum – Mr. Jakub Nowakowski, Director  
 Copernicus Science Centre – Mr. Przemysław Wielowiejski, Deputy Director  
 US Embassy Poland – Ms. Keisha Lafayette, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer  
 Art of Brothers Łopieńskich Studio – Ms. Anna Łopieńska  
 Polish Barbecue Association - Chef Grzegorz Kazubski

#### Cultural Visits

Palace of Culture & Science  
 Museum of Technology  
 Warsaw Old Town & Royal Castle  
 Centre of Contemporary Art  
 House of History  
 Museum of Forging  
 Poster Museum  
 Wawel Castle  
 Warsaw Uprising Museum  
 Tour of Krakow  
 Cloth Hall  
 Schindler's Factory  
 Fryderyk Chopin Museum  
 National Museum Krakow

#### Cultural Performance

*Music Binds Generations* – National  
 Philharmonic Concert Hall



## „I Love Poland” Flags and Stickers on Cars



Designed by  
Magda Teodorowicz  
and arranged by  
Jerzy Milczek



**Unveiling of Fine Art Honoring Poland**

MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SALUTES

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Doug Browne  
General Manager  
Peabody Hotel

Jim Holt  
CEO & President  
Memphis in May

Jacek Dutkiewicz  
President  
PAS



**February 2015 - Memphis in May International Festival Season  
Begins with Unveiling of Fine Art Honoring Poland (Feb 2015)**



**Artist Lester Merriweather Talks  
How He was Inspired with Polish Art**

Applaus to Lester Merriweather, the Artist



Lester Merriweather  
Artist



MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SALUTES

2015 POLAND

THE ARTIST'S IMAGE IS UNOFFICIAL AND NOT ENDORSED BY THE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015

## MEMPHIS IN MAY 2015 FINE ARTS POSTER UNVEILED

Memphis in May International Festival unveiled the commemorative fine arts poster commissioned from Memphis artist Lester Merriweather to honor the country of Poland today at the local headquarters of United Capital Financial Advisors. United Capital is a long-time sponsor and supporter of the Memphis in May International Festival Fine Arts Program.



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**POLAND**

Merriweather's 2015 mixed media work entitled "Poland" illustrates the vibrant and colorful culture of Poland while honoring its rich history. "Poland" showcases the natural beauty of the honored country and pays tribute to the artistry found in Poland's deep cultural heritage.

The honored country has many stories to tell with a history tracing back to medieval times and a focus on building a reputation not only on its history, but on its standing as a modern, contemporary, and financially stable country. Merriweather's "Poland" is meant to serve as an inviting introduction to these great stories.

Merriweather attended Jackson State University before earning his MFA from Memphis College of Art and later participated in the prestigious Skowhegan School. His work has been featured in numerous exhibitions locally, nationally, and abroad over the past 15 years including the Zacheta National Gallery of Art in Warsaw, Poland; Studio Museum in Harlem, New York; and the Dixon Gallery in Memphis. His public art project produced for the Whitehaven Library with the Urban Art Commission is a beloved landmark of the neighborhood. Through his role as a curatorial director at the Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art at the University of Memphis and prominent projects, Merriweather continues to contribute to the cultural

vibrancy of the city.

# 2015 Voluneer Expo

## About Thousand Volunteers Took Part in the MIM International Festival!



**2015 VOLUNTEER EXPO!**  
**VOLUNTEER FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!**

Memphis in May International Festival

*Explore the volunteer opportunities available during Memphis' largest and most dynamic events.*



**FEBRUARY 10, 2015 • 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**MATA CENTRAL STATION • HUDSON HALL • 545 S. MAIN ST. • MEMPHIS, TN**  
*Veteran volunteers are encouraged to bring a new recruit!*  
**PLEASE JOIN US!**





## Memphis in May International Festival HONORED NATIONALS COMMITTEE

Each year, Memphis in May taps in to the local ethnic community of the honored country. Individuals and community groups from the honored country's community are encouraged to join the volunteer ranks to support Memphis in May's celebration of their country. Insight from 'resident experts' helps Memphis in May improve its international programming.

**Volunteer Program** - Volunteers join the ranks of the many existing Memphis in May volunteers to and provide translation, awareness of the honored county's language and customs, and fill any gaps in volunteer roles. Individuals may volunteer based on their interest, time available as well as skill sets. All volunteers participate through the established system

**Volunteer Expo** event – Best method to introduce interested individuals to opportunities to assist and support the salute and Memphis in May.

### Programs and General Activities:

#### **Getting the word out –**

*Share the excitement!* Utilize the website to share information, especially closer to May

*Attend live events* – Cultural performances, culinary events, etc. – mostly during international week.

*International Gala* – promote and attend gala saluting the honored country

#### *World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest*

##### *International Cooking Team*

Utilize a limited number of volunteers to assist with setup/breakdown, decoration, cooking support, hosting chef from honored country etc.

<b>Members of the Honored Nationals Committee</b>	
Honour Batey	Monika Milczek
Viola, Ryszard & Maciek Bute	Jerzy Milczek
Stephanie & Andy Deupree	Ludmila Mitchell
Halina & Jacek Dutkiewicz	Susan Murrmann
Joanna & Janusz Hofman	Grazyna & Zbyszek Mustwillo
Sylvia @ Seth Feibelman	Stenia Niewiara
Iwona Gaye	Edward Nowakowski
Jadwiga & Czesław Grabowicz	Agnieszka Przetak & Roberto Santisteban
Alex Jankowski	Jolanta & Haysam Sakaan
Magda Kaminska	Basia & Mark Scarbecz
Anna & Witold Kaziow	Zofia Schmidt
Iwona Kessling	Joanna & Konrad Stepniakowski
Viola & Edward Kozlowski	Kazia Szymanek
Malgorzata & Czarek Lemanski	Gosia & Zbyszek Stroinski
Agata Walas-Maenhoudt	Anna & Mirek Wozniak
Dough Maenhoudt	Magda Teodorowicz
Magda Mazur	Dana & Wiesiek Zabielski
Krystyna Milczek	

# Education Program About Poland



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**2015 POLAND**

# TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**"BRINGING INTERNATIONAL CULTURE TO EVERY CLASSROOM"**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015 • 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**TEACHING AND LEARNING ACADEMY**  
2485 Union Avenue • Memphis, Tennessee 38112



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Share the culture of Poland with **HANDS ON** artefacts designed to teach young

## WORLD CARGO CRATE

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**of Tennessee Community Trust**

# The 2015 International Teachers' Conference about Poland



## Memphis in May International Teachers' Conference

*"Bringing International Culture to Every Classroom"*

February 7, 2015



Memphisinmay.org



Memphis in May  
International Teacher's Conference  
"Bringing International Culture to Every Classroom"



**Event Date**  
Saturday, February 7, 2015  
9:00am – 1:30pm

**Event Location**  
Teaching and Learning Academy  
2485 Union Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38112

Auditorium

The conference will be open to teachers and education professionals. Those in attendance will be offered professional development hours for their attendance. Teachers will gain knowledge about this year's honored country so they can teach their students about the rich culture and history of Poland. Breakfast and coffee will be provided. Each teacher that attends will also be provided with the necessary resources and tools to utilize knowledge gained at the conference in their classroom.

**Breakout session Presenters**

**MATH- Mathematical Trip to Poland & Simplified Guide to Reading Polish – W115** oms  
Magdalena Teodorowicz and Ludmila Mitchell, Nicolaus Copernicus School of Polish Culture & Language  
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**SCIENCE- Polish contribution to breaking code of Enigma - German enciphering machine – W116** oms  
Edward Kozlowski, Cell: 901-262-5854 [ekozlo@comcast.net](mailto:ekozlo@comcast.net)

**HISTORY- History and National Heritage of Poland- Auditorium** oms  
Halina & Jacek Dutkiewicz, Cell: 901-277-5948, [halinatu@comcast.net](mailto:halinatu@comcast.net) and [jkdutkiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:jkdutkiewicz@gmail.com)

**GEOGRAPHY-Geography, culture and economy of Poland– Multipurpose Room** oms  
Mark Scarbecz, Institutional Affairs at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry  
Cell: 901-218-7349 [mscarbecz@uthsc.edu](mailto:mscarbecz@uthsc.edu)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER- Dr. Jerzy Kossek** oms  
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*Memphis in May International Festival would like to thank Jacek Dutkiewicz and the Polish American Society for the generous support with this year's conference.*



# The 2015 International Teachers' Conference about Poland



# The 2015 International Teachers' Conference about Poland

## Session:

### Polish Contribution to Breaking Code of Enigma- German Enciphering Machine

Presentation and Activities created by:

**Edward Kozłowski**

Polish American Society



This presentation and all resources in this binder are available online at  
[Memphisinmay.org/educationresources](http://Memphisinmay.org/educationresources)

# The 2015 International Teachers' Conference about Poland

## Session:

### Geography, Culture and Economy of Poland

Presentation and Activities created by:

**Mark Scarbecz**

University of Tennessee College of Dentistry



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Session:

## Mathematical Trip to Poland & Simplified Guide to Reading Polish

Presentation and Activities created by:

**Magdalena Teodorowicz & Ludmila Mitchell**

Nicolaus Copernicus School of Polish Culture & Language

&

Whitehaven High School



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# The 2015 International Teachers' Conference about Poland

Session:

History and National Heritage of Poland

Presentation and Activities created by:

**Jacek Dutkiewicz**

Polish American Society

Contributions by:

**Halina Dutkiewicz**

School of Polish Language and Culture



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# The 2015 International Teachers' Conference about Poland



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## *Creative Writing Competition*

### 4-12 Grade Students

The CN Creative Writing Competition promotes literary creativity and allows students to incorporate what they have learned about the honored country through the written word. Creative Writing Competition entries can include any type of literary, fictional or non-fictional work, including but not limited to poems, essays, short stories, plays, narratives, scripts and biographies.

The competition is open to students in grades 4-12 attending any public, private, or home school within the Memphis metro area. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen in three grade categories: Upper Elementary, 4th & 5th grades; Junior, 6th- 8th grades; Senior, 9th - 12th grades.

## *Children's Poster Competition*

### K-6 Grade Students

This competition promotes the creative artistry of students in grades K – 6. Patterned after Memphis in May's Fine Art Poster Program, the student's work must depict some aspect of the honored country through the medium of drawing and coloring. One student will become the Grand Prize winner, and his/her work will then be printed and sold by Memphis in May as the 2015 International Children's Poster. The Grand Prize winner will sign and number 100 of the prints. Since there will be a limited number of signed and numbered prints, this lucky young artist's poster has the potential of becoming a unique collector's item. First, second, and third place winners will also be chosen in three grade categories:

K - 2nd grades; 3rd - 4th grades; and 5th - 6th grades.

*For complete details and to apply:*

<http://www.memphisinmay.org/competitions>



**Board Chairman of MIM, Wei Chen and MIM Volunteer  
Unveil the Children's Poster  
at the Education Awards Ceremony**

# Curriculum Guide about Poland for Teachers of Shelby County Schools (72-Pages)

## 2015 POLAND MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Perched between east and west, the Republic of Poland has had a varied history which has shaped it into the delightful patchwork that it is today - a diverse mix of old and new brought about by centuries of change and conflict, but

protected and promoted today by an unequalled sense of national pride. Nestled in the heartland of Europe, Poland has served as both a bridge and a battleground between eastern and western Europe. Its location has also developed it into a country of striking contrasts, like the contemporary skyscrapers of Warsaw against a countryside where horse-drawn carts negotiate peaceful lanes. Even though a growing number of tourists visit Poland every year, it has managed to maintain a largely untouched and uncompromised charm which make it enchanting. Even though it is situated in the plains of central Europe, Poland has a varied landscape - from the Tatra Mountains in the south, through vast areas of primeval forests and endless lowlands, to the beautifully enticing beaches of the northern Baltic coast.

Despite the fact that much of Poland was horribly battered and occupied throughout World War II, an impressive amount of historic beauty remains. The city of Warsaw even decided to completely reconstruct the whole historic Old City. Many other cities that were destroyed in the war have also painstakingly rebuilt their historic cores. You're never far from a castle or cathedral that lend a regal element to medieval cityscapes.

You're also never far from an intriguing tale - some are fictional, about dragons and knights - while others, like those about Popes and heroes and stargazers, are not.

Poland also offers some of the highest highs and lowest lows. Visitors experience bright celebrations, enjoy the charm and hospitality of centres and old towns, and explore some of Europe's best mountain, coastal and lake scenery. Conversely, many modern buildings speak treasures lost and cities leveled, some bleak Communist architecture exist next to beautiful Gothic castles or Renaissance cathedrals and speak of years of enemy occupation, and the haunting walls of Auschwitz remind every Pole of a dark time that stole a fifth of the country's entire population.

It has been said that those times of "lows," especially throughout much of the 20th Century, make it more difficult for Poles to celebrate their country's grandeur... however curriculum guide will spend the next pages doing just that.



## INTRO

This guide is developed each year by the Memphis in May International Festival to provide a comprehensive educational review of its annual honored country. It is provided to elementary, middle and high school teachers as a teaching tool, offering activities and lesson plans to help students explore that country's history, culture, geography, politics and lifestyle. It also addresses teaching standards as directed by the Tennessee Department of Education. Memphis in May thanks those who have helped to make this guide a reality, including Shelby County Schools Administration.

### Special Thanks

Very special thanks to the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Washington, DC, for their help with this Curriculum Guide and the plans for the 2015 Memphis in May International Festival.

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*This Curriculum Guide, in its entirety, is available in PDF format for downloading and printing at the Memphis in May International Festival's web site at [www.memphisinmay.org](http://www.memphisinmay.org).*

Students' and teachers' exploration into the honored country of Poland may be assisted by representatives of Memphis' Polish community, which include the Polish-American Society of Memphis, the Polish Catholic Mission, and the Nicolaus Copernicus School. Additional information about each is available at the bottom of page 71 of this curriculum guide.

The mission of the Memphis in May International Festival includes a strong commitment to student education. Since its origin in 1977, the festival has developed dozens of comprehensive Curriculum Guides honoring and exploring countries around the globe, and offering practical lesson plans, activities and worksheets addressing many teaching standards. Each year, Memphis in May is proud to distribute thousands of Curriculum Guides to Memphis and Shelby County public and private schools.

February 9, 2015

Jacek and Halina Dutkiewicz  
9570 Grove Rd.  
Cordova, TN 38106

Dear Jacek and Halina,

Thank you for your support of this year's International Teachers' Conference. Your contribution played an important role with the 2015 salute to Poland.

We very much appreciate you working with us in the planning of our Education events and ensuring their success. It was a pleasure working with you and we very much appreciate your involvement in making our festival such a success.

Memphis in May draws people from around the world and just down the street. And it unites them in celebration. Memphis in May International Festival is an organization with many attributes, but only one goal... bringing the world to Memphis, and Memphis to the world. Thank you again for playing a key role in sharing the unique culture of Poland with Memphis and helping make this year's festival a success!

All the best,



Randy Blevins  
Vice President of Programming

*Jacek & Halina,*  
*Thank you very much*  
*for your leadership. This*  
*event was the first of*  
*many to honor Poland*  
*this year!*  
*R.B.*



## MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EXCHANGE TO POLAND

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Memphis, TN – September 16, 2014 – Memphis-area junior and senior high school students will have the opportunity of a lifetime as Memphis in May International Festival announces its High School Student Exchange to Poland. In March 2015, 10 local students will be selected to travel to the 2015 honored country, Poland, as ambassadors for Memphis in May for a two-week cultural exchange. Students will travel study at a host school in Warsaw and visit select areas of the country and discover the riches of Poland including ancient castles, world-class museums, delicious cuisine and friendly people.

“Experiencing a country’s culture is a very impactful opportunity for young student,” says James L. Holt, President and CEO of Memphis in May International Festival. “This trip is a tremendous opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a world other than their own. It is our hope that students who are selected for 2015 exchange will have a life-changing experience and will share this experience with their classmates when they return to Memphis.”

# Shelby County Students' Trip to Poland

March 7-17, 2015, Queen Jadwiga High School (X LO im. Królowej Jadwigi)



Ready to Depart for Poland



Polish Students Ready to Welcome American Students



Welcome at the Warsaw Airport



Welcome at the Queen Jadwiga High School

# Shelby County Students Visiting Warsaw



In front of the Warsaw Uprising Monument



Presentation of Polish Dishes



Sight-Seeing of Warsaw

# Polish Students Welcomed and Hosted by American Students

April 9-19, 2015, Collierville High School



Polish Students at the Collierville High School



Randy Blevins

Magda Piecha

Ewa Brdak

Polish Students with Their Chaperones & VP MIM



Gosia Poszwa & Ania Potoczny  
Interviewed by Memphis TV

17/04/2015



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# Polish Students in Memphis

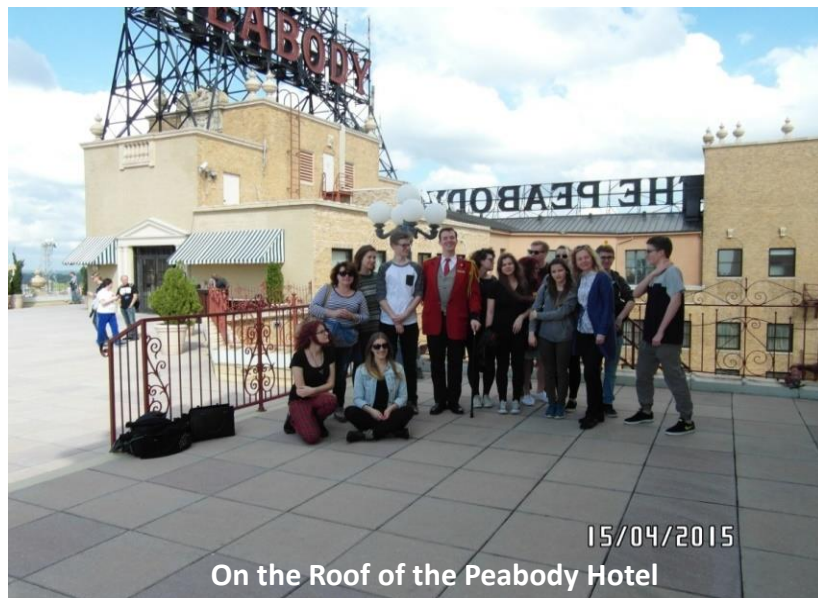
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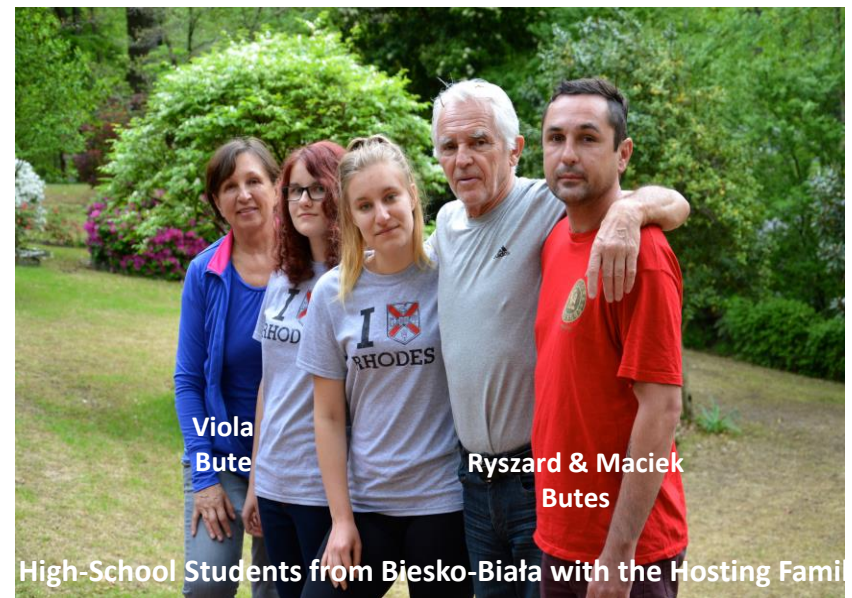
With Memphis Mayor AC Wharton



In Graceland



On the Roof of the Peabody Hotel



High-School Students from Biesko-Biała with the Hosting Family

**Polish Legends Show Presented**  
**by N. Copernicus School of Polish Culture & Language**

Cordova Library's  
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Celebrates  
**Poland**



**Saturday, April 18 11:00**

Shares Stories, Music, Crafts,  
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For All Ages No Registration Needed

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**Creators of the Show**  
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# Presentation by N. Copernicus School of Polish Culture & Language



# Presentation by N. Copernicus School of Polish Culture & Language



# Memphis

THE CITY MAGAZINE



Memphis Magazine / May 2015 / Q&A: Jacek Dutkiewicz

## Q&A: Jacek Dutkiewicz

Senior research fellow for Georgia-Pacific's operations in Memphis and president of the Polish-American Society of Memphis.

BY MICHAEL FINGER



Artist, musician, composer, inventor, professor, scientist — it's difficult to define Dr. Jacek Dutkiewicz, senior research fellow for Georgia-Pacific's operations in Memphis and since 2008 president of the Polish-American Society in Memphis. Born in Poland "several years ago," as Dutkiewicz says, his education and career have taken him to universities throughout his native country, to Zaire, then to the United States, where he taught at the University of Washington. Along the way he has filed dozens of patents, published some 200 articles, and written two books about paper manufacturing and technology. A job offer from the Kimberly-Clark Corporation took him to the company headquarters in Wisconsin, and from there he came to Memphis, where he has lived with his wife, Halina, since 1998. He talks about his native country, this year's salute to Poland by the Memphis in May International Festival, and misconceptions many Americans have about the Polish people.

**First of all, let me say that you have one of the most impressive resumes of anyone I've ever interviewed.**

Thank you. I enjoy research. I earned a master of science degree and then two doctoral degrees in engineering from Lodz Institute of Technology. The president of Poland has also presented me with the "Professor" title, the highest academic degree my country offers.

**Does the rest of your family share your enthusiasm for science and education?**

Oh yes. Halina — my perfect wife, my inspiration, my motivation, my great love, with whom I have spent 42 years — also earned a master's degree. In fact, that's how we met, while attending school. Our son, Radek, is married and both he and wife Laurie are successful medical doctors living in Oregon. Our daughter, Magda, is a senior market research manager and lives in Nashville with her husband, Victor, an IT engineer.

**Before coming to the U.S., you spent some time in Africa.**

As a young boy, I always wanted to visit Africa, and I got a job offer to teach in Zaire. For several years I was director of the chemical engineering department at the University of Lubumbashi.

**What eventually brought you to the U.S.?**

I received an invitation from the University of Washington, but Poland was still a closed country, so my family had to stay behind. But I fell in love with this country. A few years later, the Kimberly-Clark Corporation heard about my research [in paper making] and offered me a position. By this time Poland had become more open, and I had spent my life in academia and I wanted a chance to work in the real world. We spent six years in Neenah, Wisconsin, but grew tired of the weather there.

**So you found your way to Memphis.**

I liked Memphis because I knew it was a center for musicians. I had reached a point in my life where I had to decide to be a scientist, or a musician. My wife convinced me that a scientist would let me see my family more [laughs].

**Let's talk about the Polish community in Memphis.**

It's a close community, but not a very large one. Perhaps 150 Polish families live here. But what many people don't understand is how large Polish communities are in other cities. More Poles are living in Chicago than actually live in Warsaw. And if you go to Walgreens, you'll see they now offer prescriptions in seven different languages, and one of those is Polish. So that says something, when Polish is considered one of the seven most common languages in the world.

**When was the Polish-American Society of Memphis formed?**

A fellow Pole, Len Jankowski, began the society in 1978. It was mainly formed of doctors, engineers, scientists, and others who had come to this country after the war. Younger people came later. (For more information: [pasofmemphis.com](http://pasofmemphis.com))

**What is the purpose of the society?**

We try to remind people of the rich traditions of Poland. In 2006, my wife founded the Nicolas Copernicus School of Polish Culture and Language. We have classes at the Bert Ferguson Community Center in Cordova, teaching language and arts. And we also hold special events. In Poland, Christmas Eve is the biggest event of the year, so we try to have a traditional Polish Christmas Eve, with dinner, children putting on plays, and other activities.

**How else do the Polish people get involved in the local community?**

We are a big part of the Germantown International Festival, usually held in August. It's a wonderful experience, featuring some 30 ethnic groups. And we are all friends with the other cultural groups. It just shows that friends can be made easily if you're not affected by politics.

**Any other Polish events on the calendar?**

Usually in September, we will hold a celebration we call "Farewell to the Summer." And we have various holidays throughout the year. May 3rd is Polish Constitution Day. Not many people realize that Poland has the second oldest constitution in the world, drafted in 1793 and second only to the U.S. [1787].

**And this year Memphis in May is saluting your country.**

Yes, even though it took them 39 years to do so [laughs]. That is actually a large honor. The Polish Embassy has declared Memphis in May the most important event promoting Poland in the United States this year. The calendar of events includes the Cracovia Danza Court Ballet, screenings of Polish movies, artworks, music. A cooking team called the Polska Porkers is taking part in the barbecue contest.

**What else do you do to enhance Polish-American relationships?**

We had a role in developing the curriculum guide that is given to schoolteachers, as part of Memphis in May's educational materials about the honored country. I am also a member of the Advisory Council of the U.S. Embassy. We meet twice a year, and discuss changes we'd like to see. Did you know, for instance, that Poland is one of the few countries in the European Union that still requires a visa to come to the U.S.?

**What would you like Americans to know about Poland?**

I don't think many realize the important role Poles have played in the world. The musician Chopin, the astronomer Copernicus, the scientist Marie Curie — all came from Poland. People think Curie was French, but her maiden name was Sklowdoska. Two U.S. generals in the Revolutionary War — Casimir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko — were Polish. They both have cities named after them here, but Americans don't pronounce the name the way Poles do [laughs].

# POLAND 2015



## BEALE STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL

May 1-3, 2015



## INTERNATIONAL SALUTE TO POLAND

May 4-9, 2015



## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BARBECUE COOKING CONTEST

May 14-16, 2015

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**POLAND**

**BEALE STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
*May 1 – 3, 2015*

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK**  
*May 4 – 9, 2015*

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
BARBECUE COOKING CONTEST**  
*May 14 – 16, 2015*

**SUNSET SYMPHONY**  
*May 23, 2015*

Memphis  
in May  
International Festival

# BEALE STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015

## PERFORMANCE TIMES

### FRIDAY, MAY 1ST

**GATES OPEN 5:00PM**

BUD LIGHT STAGE		ROCKSTAR ENERGY DRINK STAGE	
LENNY KRAVITZ	11:00 PM	FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH	11:00 PM
RYAN ADAMS	9:20 PM	BREAKING BENJAMIN	9:20 PM
JENNY LEWIS	7:45 PM	SLASH	7:40 PM
SPIN DOCTORS	6:10 PM	IN THIS MOMENT	6:05 PM
FEDEX STAGE		PEARL RIVER RESORT BLUES TENT	
THE FLAMING LIPS	11:05 PM	ROBERT RANDOLPH & THE FAMILY BAND	11:05 PM
PIXIES	9:25 PM	ALEJANDRO ESCOVEDO	9:25 PM
AWOL NATION	7:45 PM	IRA WALKER	7:45 PM
MYSLOVITZ (POLAND)	6:15 PM	PRESTON SHANNON	6:10 PM
		MetroPCS BLUES SHACK	
		BUTCH MUDBONE	VARIES
		TERRY "HARMONICA" BEAN	VARIES

### SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

**GATES OPEN 1:00PM**

BUD LIGHT STAGE		ROCKSTAR ENERGY DRINK STAGE	
ED SHEERAN	8:40 PM	CAGE THE ELEPHANT	8:40 PM
HOZIER	7:00 PM	RISE AGAINST	7:00 PM
KASIER CHIEFS	5:20 PM	OF MICE & MEN	5:20 PM
MYSLOVITZ (POLAND)	3:50 PM	SCOTT WEILAND & THE WILDABOUTS	3:40 PM
ELLE KING	2:20 PM	PROSEVERE	2:10 PM
FEDEX STAGE		PEARL RIVER RESORT BLUES TENT	
WILCO	9:10 PM	BETTYE LAVETTE	8:45 PM
ST. VINCENT	7:30 PM	TINSLEY ELLIS	7:05 PM
BELA FLECK & ABIGAIL WASHBURN	5:50 PM	WILL TUCKER	5:25 PM
SHOVELS AND ROPE	4:15 PM	INDIGENOUS	3:50 PM
STAR AND MICEY	2:40 PM	JAREKUS SINGLETON	2:15 PM
		MetroPCS BLUES SHACK	
		BLIND MISSISSIPPI MORRIS	VARIES
		DEAK HARP-N-LEE WILLIAMS	VARIES







## Wykrzyczone wyrazy uznania na festiwalu w Memphis.

2015-05-25

Tak było! The first band of the night was a Polish band, Myslovitz, who was playing when we arrived. Myslovitz had been invited to the festival due to the fact that Poland is Memphis in May International Festival's honored country this year and most of their songs were in Polish. However, their music was certainly not traditional Polish music and although the crowd couldn't sing along and didn't know any of the songs, Myslovitz drew loud cheers after every song. - See more at: <http://whitestationscroll.net/1524/a-e/memphis-is-music/#sthash.xGyCK1bw.dpuf>

## Beale Street Music Festival MEMPHIS / wywiad w WMC TV

2015-05-12

Myslovitz hopes to visit Graceland during MIM visit to Memphis

00:00



WMC Action News 5 - Memphis, Tennessee

Memphis / 3 dni festiwalu, 2 koncerty, 1 mln wspomnień



# Myslovitz Group Touring Memphis



**Aga Przetak & Robeto Santisteban as Tour Guides (in the Center)**

MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL PRESENTS

 **POLAND**  
PERFORMS!

**MAY 6, 2015 • 7 PM**  
**Germantown Performing Arts Center**

*Presenting Cracovia Danza direct from Krakow!*

**Ticket Price: \$15 (Groups of 20 or more \$10)**

**Tickets online at [www.gpacweb.com](http://www.gpacweb.com) or call 901-751-7500.**



## Cracovia Danza Court Ballet

*Poland is the Memphis in May International Festival 2015 country of honor  
This evening is an experience of the sights and sounds of Poland.*

About

### CRACOVIA DANZA

Cracovia Danza is the only professional court and historical dance ensemble in Poland. Founded by Romana Agnel, a talented dancer and choreographer, the Cracovia Danza Court Ballet recreates traditional Polish dances spanning times from the Middle Ages until modern day. Tonight's performance, "Alla Polacca," is a spectacle by the Cracovia Danza Court Ballet which presents the world of Polish culture and customs, both folk and noble, through the world full of rituals, legends and colorful traditions.

### CRACOVIA DANZA

Direct from Krakow, Poland

With support from the Polish Ministry of Culture

#### Dancers

Romana Agnel  
Krzystof Antkowiak  
Marta Baranowska  
Anna Bodzak  
Adam Czechlewski  
Dariusz Brojek  
Jan Fecko  
Grzegorz Marczak  
Alicja Petrus  
Magdalena Zmuda

Sponsored by:



Cracovia Danza Court Ballet



## Speakers & Lectures



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**Fogelman Center  
at the University of Memphis**

**MAY 5 AT 11:30 A.M.**

**Piotr Lewicki**, born 1966 in Zabrze, is a graduate of the August Witkowski High School in Kraków (1985) and the Faculty of Architecture, Kraków University of Technology (1990, doctoral thesis 1999). From 1992–99 he taught at the Urban Design Institute (Kraków University of Technology) and from 2003–2009 at the Faculty of Architecture and Fine Arts at Kraków Frycz Modrzewski Academy. Member of the Polish Association of Architects and Polish Chamber of Architects obtained his professional license in 2002.

Since 1988 he has worked in partnership with **Kazimierz Łatak**. In 1995 they established the **Biuro Projektów Lewicki Łatak**, today a well known Polish architectural practice and winner of awards from architectural competitions. These awards include most notably the Kraków designs such as Heroes of the Ghetto Square and Nowy Square, Cracovia Centennial Sport Hall, the Kazimierz – Ludwinów pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Vistula river. The Heroes of the Ghetto Square also received honorable mention in the prestigious European Prize for Urban Public Space competition (Barcelona, 2006) and the Gold Award in the Urban Quality Award competition (Frankfurt am Main, 2011). The firm's Corte Verona apartment building project in Wrocław received the Grand Prix in the Beautiful Wrocław competition for the best design of the year (2010), honorable mention in the national Award of the Year competition, and was a finalist in the Life in Architecture competition (2012). These projects, as well as others, have been covered in both the Polish and international media.

Piotr Lewicki and Kazimierz Łatak received the prestigious Kraków Association of Architects' Award in 2004 and were recipients as well as Professional of the Year (2013) awarded by Forbes magazine.

The Honorable Guest  
Poland's Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf



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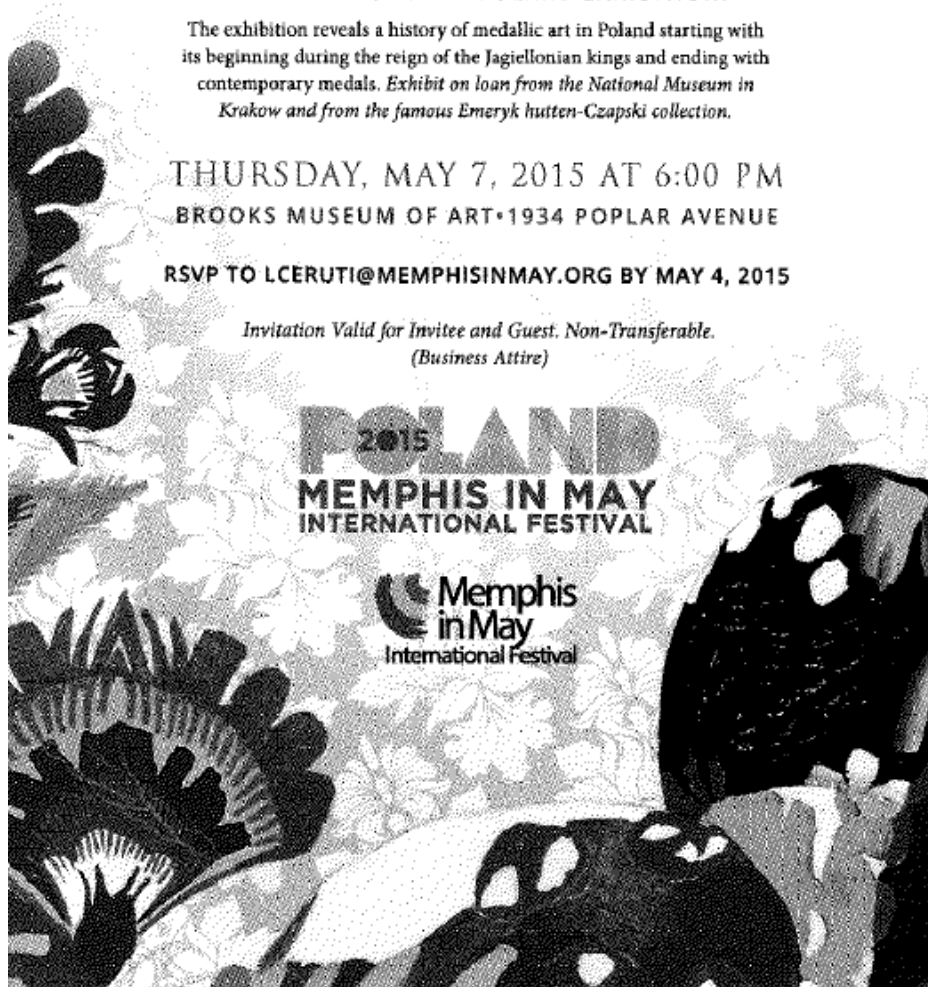
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## Polish Americans Welcome Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf



Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf  
with Jim Holt, Memphis in May President and CEO,  
and Jacek Dutkiewicz, PAS President





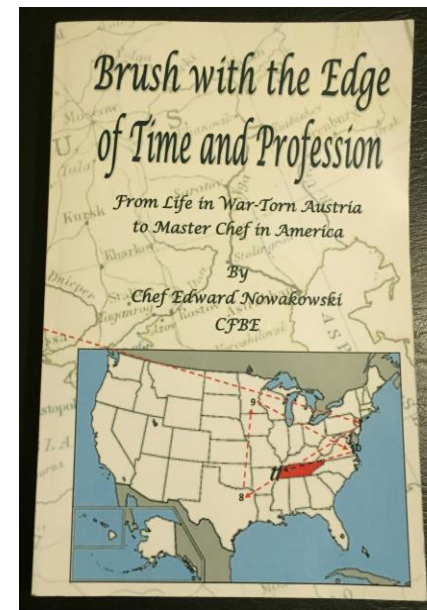
Presentation of Gifts



From Artist Iwona Kessling



From Chef and Writer  
Edward Nowakowski (Left)



**Social with Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf**



Krysia Milczek      Monika Milczek



Jacek i Halinka  
Dutkiewicz



Zbyszek  
Muswillo      Grażynka  
Muswillo



Iwona  
Kessling      Aga  
Przetak      Roberto  
Santisteban

Social with Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf



# Ryszard Schnepf: "Doing Business with Poland"

In partnership with the Greater Memphis Chamber and the World Trade Club, we welcome Ryszard Schnepf, the Polish Ambassador to the US, to give you the information you need to know to do business with Poland, including their top exports and imports.



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with **Ryszard Schnepf**  
Polish Ambassador to the US

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### Agenda

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL  
HILTON MEMPHIS – 939 Ridge Lake Boulevard  
Thursday, May 7, 2015

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<b>11:30 am</b> – Registration / Networking	
<b>11:45 am</b> – Welcome & Council Overview.....	IBC Vice Chairman, Jose Rodriguez Sr. Global Business and Financial Analyst Medtronic Inc.
<b>Lunch Served</b>	
<b>11:55 am</b> – Sponsor Spotlight .....	Charles LaPorte GP Mill Manager GP Memphis Cellulose
<b>12:10 pm</b> – Introduction of Speaker.....	Jacek Dutkiewicz GP Senior Research Fellow President, Polish-American Society of Memphis
<b>12:15 pm</b> – Keynote.....	Ambassador <b>Ryszard Schnepf</b>
<b>12:40 pm</b> – Remarks.....	Ernest Strickland V.P. International & Business Partnerships Greater Memphis Chamber
<b>12:45 pm</b> – Remarks.....	U.S. Congressman, Steve Cohen
<b>12:50 pm</b> – Q & A	
<b>1:00 pm</b> – Adjourn	

- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Poland to the U.S. since 2011
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Poland to Spain, 2008-2012
- Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2007-2008
- Ambassador ad personam & Plenipotentiary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Global Threats, 2006-2007
- Secretary of State for Foreign Relations and Security at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, 2005-2006
- Directed budget negotiations of the European Union, 2007-2013

**MAY 7 AT 11:30 A.M.**



Embassy  
of the Republic of Poland  
in Washington, D.C.

*To serve Poland – to build Europe – to understand the world*

8 MAY 2015

## Poland's investment and economy discussed in the Blues Capital

**Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf discussed the benefits of investing in Poland and Poland's economic perspectives during a talk given at the International Business Council in Memphis. The Ambassador's visit to Tennessee was part of the ongoing Memphis in May International Festival which this year honors Poland.**

"Poland is the only country in Europe, which over the past years has experienced systematic economic growth" emphasized Ambassador Schnepf in his remarks before local business leaders and political elites, which included Congressman Steve Cohen. Ambassador Schnepf pointed to the stability of the Polish zloty currency, and the safety of Poland's banking system as well as a young, educated labor force as indicators of uniquely positive conditions for investment in Poland.

The former US Ambassador to Poland Victor Ashe also encouraged investment in Poland, emphasizing the superb geographic location of Poland and the high level of stability and security which encourages development and bilateral economic cooperation.

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PHOTOS: SŁAWOMIR ZAGÓRSKI, EMBASSY OF POLAND



# Special Meeting of Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce



Jacek Dutkiewicz introducing Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf



Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf as Keynote Speaker



Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf with Congressman Steve Cohen (left)  
and ex- U.S. Ambassador to Poland, Victor Ashe (center)



May 2015

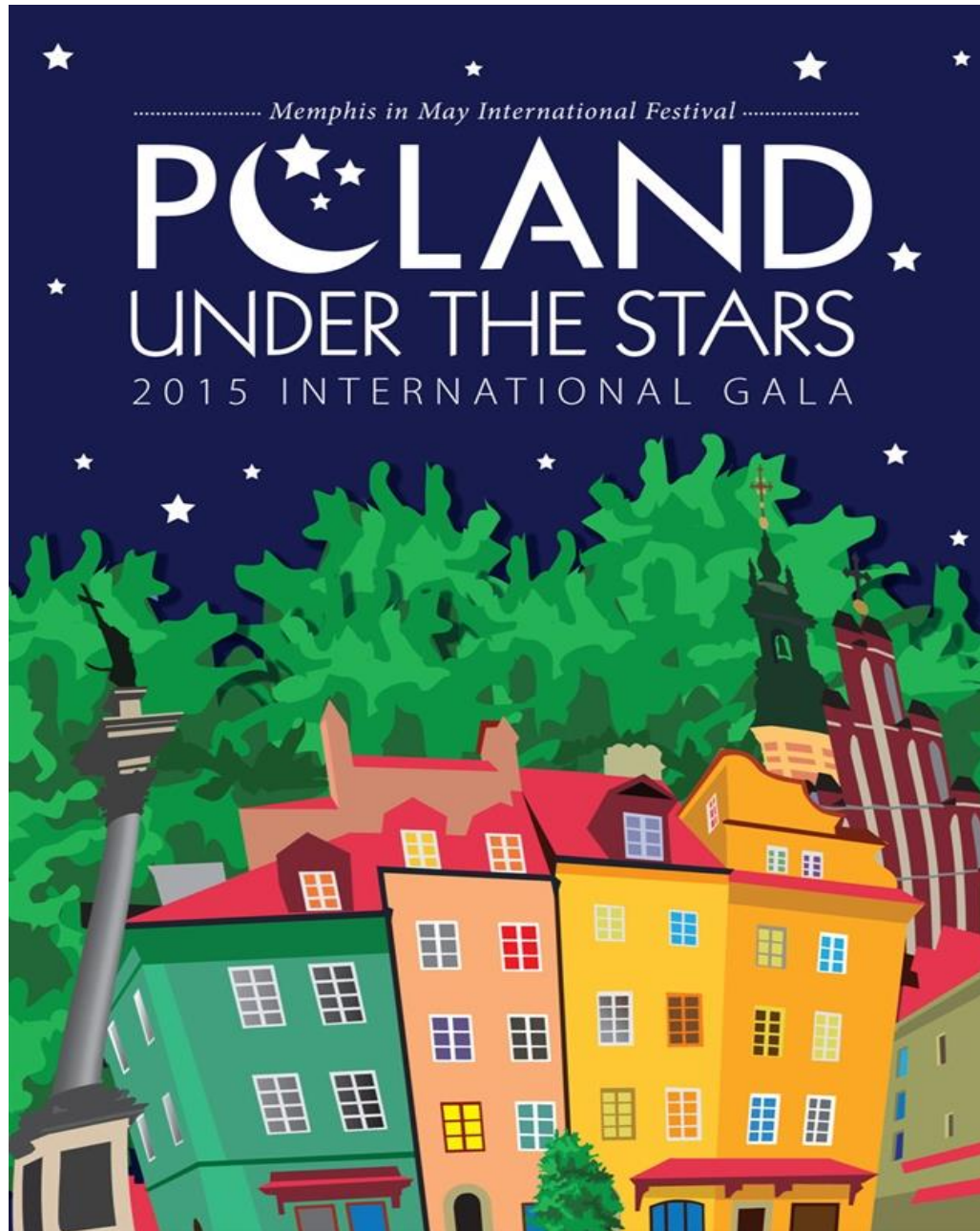
## MEMPHIS BUSINESS MOMENTS

Newsletter for Memphis Cellulose Employees

### Memphis Cellulose Sponsors Memphis Chamber Board of Governors



GP Cellulose in Memphis is a 2015 Memphis Chamber Board of Governors title sponsor. During the sponsor spotlight at the International Business Council Luncheon in early May, Mill Manager Chuck LaPorte was the sponsor spotlight speaker. GP's senior research fellow, Jacek Dutkiewicz, who is also president of the Polish-American Society of Memphis, introduced the luncheon keynote speaker Ryszard Schnepf, Poland's ambassador to the United States. Pictured, left to right: *Ernest Strickland*, Greater Memphis Chamber VP of International & Business Partnerships; Ambassador *Ryszard Schnepf*; *James Barnes*, GP Cellulose public affairs manager in Memphis; *Jacek Dutkiewicz*; and *Chuck LaPorte*.







Guest of Honor – Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf



**Jim Holt, President & CEO of MIM, Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf and Wei Chen, 2015 MIM Board Chairman**

# Memphis in May International Festival

# POLAND

## UNDER THE STARS

### 2015 INTERNATIONAL GALA



Halina Dutkiewicz, Polish Ambassador  
Ryszard Schnepf & Jacek Dutkiewicz

Wynna Noble with Steve  
& Brenda Baser

Roland Valliere with Honey &  
Rudi Scheidt, Milisa Valliere

Jessica Wang, Jose  
Angel Rodriguez &  
Connie Ding

Kathy & Ted  
Ferguson

Larie & Bruce  
Polynio

Marla Maciaga &  
Daria Wielochowski

Rodney Polk, Dr Susan Murrmann with  
Dr. Caley & Josh Spotts

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Kim Blankenship, Wei & Isabel Chin, Phillip & Denise Powers



Lynn Swanson, Doug Browne & Rebecca Fowler



Becky Crucifixio & Judy Baker



Jack & Leighann Soden with Jeff Morris  
Karen & Rob Reetz with David & Toni Evans



Susan Adams & Barry Yoakum



Embassy  
of the Republic of Poland  
in Washington, D.C.

*To serve Poland – to build Europe – to understand the world*

## Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf is the honored guest of the Memphis in May International Festival

**Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf spent two and a half days in the Blues Capital of the World, Memphis Tennessee to attend the Memphis in May International Festival which began on May 1. This festival, which this year honors Poland, is a unique event through which the culture, traditions and history of an honored country are presented to a diverse audience.**

Festival organizers invited numerous Polish cultural groups to Memphis including the indie rock band “Myslovitz,” the dance troop “Cracovia Danza,” as well as Polish chefs and architects

During the course of Ambassador Schnepf’s visit to Memphis, he met with members of the International Business Council of the Greater Memphis Chamber, where he spoke about the benefits of investing in Poland. The Ambassador also met with the Mayor of Memphis, A.C. Warton Jr, as well as with the local Polish-American Community represented by the Polish American Society.

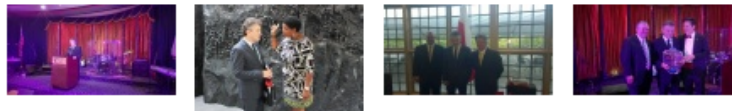
During his time in Memphis the Ambassador visited the National Civil Rights Museum which is housed in the Lorraine Motel, the place where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Other notable stops during the Ambassador’s visit were the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, Fedex Hub at Memphis International Airport, and Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley.

The visit was concluded with an international awards gala “Poland Under the Stars,” during which Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf thanked the festival organizers and local Polish community for the fantastic promotion and presentation of our country. “We will undertake efforts to repay this debt, so that Memphis can also present its achievements in Poland. I have heard much about the hospitality of Americans in the South, but this, which I experienced here, surpassed by wildest imagination” explained Ambassador Schnepf.

Memphis in May International Festival runs through May 23.

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**FEATURE MIM EVENT**  
**Concert “Chopin & Friends” with Polish Culinary Show**  
**& Exhibition of Local Polish Art**



May 9, 2015, 7:30 PM, Recital of Polish Music. Memphis, TN, Program: F. Chopin Violin transcriptions (Prelude in E Minor Op. 28, No. 4, Mazurka Op. 33, No. 3, Mazurka in A Minor, Op.67, No. 4, Nocturne in C Sharp Minor), I. J. Paderewski Sonata in A Minor, Op. 13, A. Zarzycki Mazurka in G Major, Op.26, H. Wieniawski Fantaisie Brillante, Op. 20 “Faust Fantasy”

**MIM Concert “Chopin & Friends”**  
**Recital by Kinga Augustyn, Accompanied by Matthieu Cognet**



**Kinga Augustyn**

Award winning Polish-born and New York City-based concert violinist Kinga Augustyn has been described as “an adventurous performer valuable to New York’s scene” (*NY Concert Review*), “violinist for whom nothing seems too difficult” (*Polish Daily News*), “stylish and vibrant...playing with verve and superb control....great sensitivity and unashamed virtuosity” (*The Strad Magazine*), and “beyond amazing, one hell of a violinist!” (*The Fanfare Magazine*). She has performed as a soloist with orchestras in the United States, Europe and Asia. As a soloist of The Manhattan Symphonie, Augustyn made her Asian debut in 2014, performing multiple concerts at China’s most prestigious concerts venues. Dr. Augustyn has won international awards, including First Prizes at the Alexander & Buono International String Competition (NYC), Artist International Presentations (NYC), J. S. Bach String Competition (Zielona Gora, Poland), and Ackerman Chamber Music Competition at Stony Brook, NY.



**Matthieu Cognet**

Matthieu Cognet attended the Royal Conservatory of Brussels where he completed a Master of Music in Piano Performance in Jean-Claude Vanden Eynden’s studio. He graduated in 2007 with High Distinction, ranking first in the final recital exam. He participated in numerous competitions. He won the 1st Prize in the Travel Grant Competition in Bloomington in April 2010 and was semifinalist in the last edition of the Pozzoli International Piano Competition in Seregno, Italy, in September 2011. He is finalist and Gold Medal in the Forte International Competition at Carnegie Hall (Weill Hall) in New York City in February 2014 with the SCH Trio.



**“Chopin & Friends”**

**by Kinga Augustyn, Accompanied by Matthieu Cognet**



**“Chopin & Friends”**  
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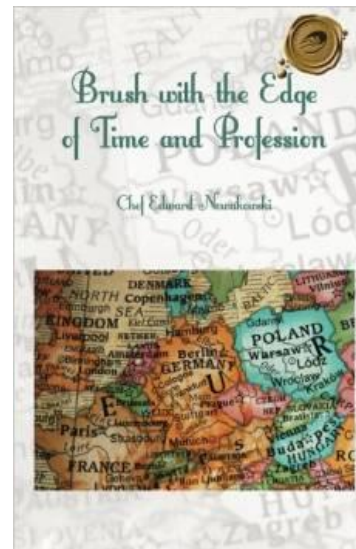


## Polish Culinary Show by Chef Edward Nowakowski



Edward Nowakowski

Born in Linz, Austria and raised in Poland, Chef Edward Nowakowski came to the U.S. via France, with three years of Culinary School, a European Master Chef Diploma and numerous awards for Garde-Manger work under his belt. Chef Edward seized the opportunity to open several new Hotels; include Hyatt N.Y. Four Seasons in Dallas TX, Hilton Hotel Virginia Beach VA, and many more, as well as Holiday Inn at the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality & Resort Management. As a Chef and Certified Director of F & B Services, he is responsible for Food & Beverage operation at the Holiday Inn as well as at Fogelman Executive Center at The University of Memphis.



Edward is also the author of „Brush with the Edge of Time and Profession”. Here is what he says about his book:

*"This book describes my family's life, which is full of historical experiences going through the Hitler era, the Stalin regime, and communism, to the current decade in the United States. The accounts of our experiences reflect the time from the 1940's, when my mother's family had no electricity or water in their home in a village in Poland, to my successful career as an award winning chef and a comfortable married life in the United States. Chef Edward Nowakowski"*

## Polish Culinary Show Bookmark

### 2015 POLAND MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

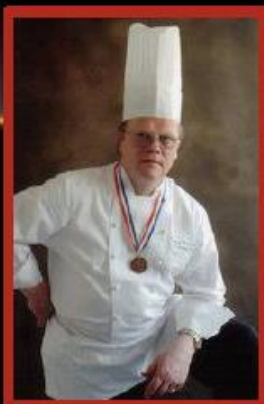


POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
IN MEMPHIS PRESENTS THIS  
CULINARY SELECTIONS TO THE  
ATTENDEES OF  
*MUSIC OF POLAND – CHOPIN AND  
FRIENDS.*

THIS SHOWCASE IS DEDICATED TO  
THE ORGANIZERS OF THE MEMPHIS IN  
MAY SALUTE TO POLAND PROGRAM  
AND TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO  
ARE TAKING PART IN IT.

*THE POLISH CULINARY SHOW CASE*  
IS PRESENTED BY

**CHIEF EDWARD NOWAKOWSKI,**  
RECIPIENT OF MANY PRESTIGIOUS  
AWARDS AND AUTHOR OF *BRUSH  
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**THE POLISH CULINARY SHOWCASE IS  
SPONSORED BY:**

- THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND
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- MS. JANICE IGIELSKI
- MR. RALPH CRAFTON



### POLISH CULINARY SHOWCASE FEATURED DISHES:



Roasted Duck  
(*Kaczka pieczona*)



Stuffed Dumplings  
(*Pierogi*)



Potato Dumplings  
(*Kopytka*)



Custard Cream Pie  
(*Napoleonki*)

POLISH CULINARY SHOWCASE &  
MUSIC OF POLAND – CHOPIN & FRIENDS  
KINGA AUGUSTYN & MATTHIEU COGNET  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

# Polish Culinary Show Behind the Scenes



**Roberto  
Santisteban**

**Grażynka  
Mustwiłło**

**Kazia  
Szymanek**

**Gosia  
Strojnski**

**Aga Przetak**

**Seth Feibelman**

**Krysia Milczek**

## **Most of the Culinary and Art Show Team:**

- H. Batey**
- Bute Family**
- Dutkiewicz Family**
- R. Crafton**
- Cz. Grabowicz**
- J. Igielski**
- A. Jankowski**
- P. Jankowski**
- Kaziow Family**
- I. Kessler**
- Kozlowski Family**
- Maenhoudt Family**
- K.&M. Milczek**
- S. Murrmann**
- Mustwillo Family**
- S. Niewiara**
- E. Nowakowski**
- Sakaan Family**
- Santseban-Przetak Family**
- Scarbecz Family**
- Z. Schmidt**
- Stepniakowski Family**
- Strojnski Family**
- K. Szymanek**
- Zabielski Family**

**Small Part of the Much Bigger Team Assisting Chef Edward**

## Polish Culinary Showcase Presentations



**One of Feature Dish Presentations by Chef Edward**



**Ice Vase with Polish Eagle Carving  
By Chef Edward**

## Chef Edward's Polish Dishes Tasting



## Art Exhibition by Local Polish Artists



**Macie Bute**



Space Oil on Canvas 30" x 24"



Joker  
Acrylic on  
Wood  
20" x 12"



Moon Girl  
Acrylic on Canvas  
24" x 18"



Melancholy  
Acrylic on Canvas  
24" x 20"



Stardust Acrylic on Canvas 36" x 36"



Three Souls  
Acrylic on Canvas  
24" x 20"



My Hell  
Oil on Canvas  
18" x 14"

Born in Poland in 1973 Macie immigrated to Memphis, TN, at age 9 . Graduated from Christian Brothers University with B.S. In Psychology. He was the first student to receive a minor in Fine Arts. His work was displayed in an honorary exhibit following the graduation.

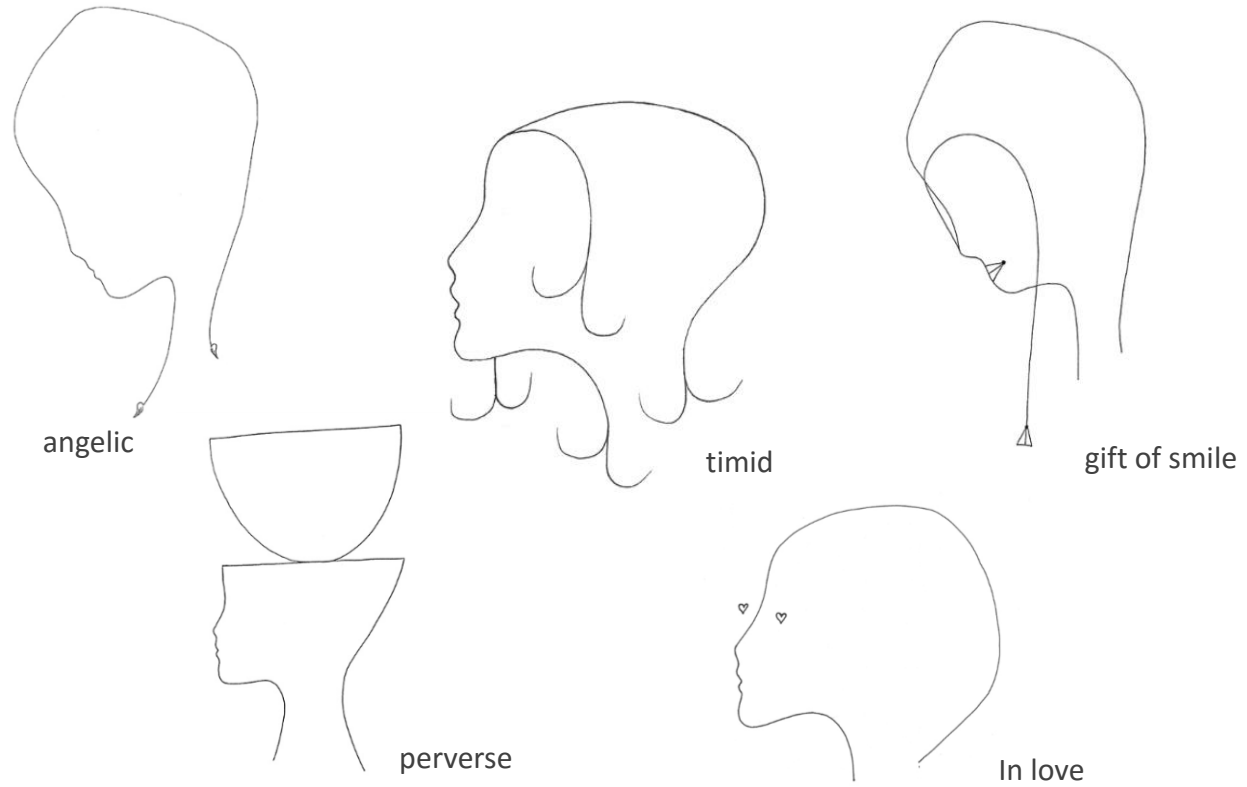
After a break Maciek returned recently to his craft and is establishing himself as an emerging artist in the South. He works mostly in acrylic on canvas, using bold colors through simple strokes, heavily influenced by post impressionism and fauvism. In 2014, his art was featured in the annual Paint the Town art auction in Las Vegas benefiting AFAN – Aid for AIDS of Nevada.



## Art Exhibition by Local Polish Artists



**Iwona Kessling**



Born in Krakow and raised in Gdynia, Poland. Received a degree in teaching Fine Arts at The Nicolaus Copernicus University of Torun, Poland. Also finished postgraduate studies in BA and Economics - Management Studies at The Technical University of Gdansk, Poland. Worked as a high school art teacher, private art instructor in YMCA and Free Lance Artist, designing logos, billboards, CD liners, coordinating and marketing national campaign, etc.

Living in the USA Iwona found herself in a slightly different field - working as a designer and drafter. Now she works at Smith&Nephew as biomedical designer.

See her web sites [www.pinkheartblackfeet.com](http://www.pinkheartblackfeet.com) and [www.iwonaprofiles.com](http://www.iwonaprofiles.com). Exhibits: Exhibition at Inbalance, Memphis, TN - March 2009, Exhibition at Marguerite's Art Gallery at Jackson, TN - December 2007, Exhibition at Central Library on Poplar - November 2007, Artwork featured by invitation at Fed Ex World Headquarters Spring 2007, Artwork featured by invitation at Fed Ex World Headquarters Fall 2006, Artwork featured by invitation at City Salon/Memphis, TN Spring 2006, Featured artist in Sierakowski Manor exhibit; Sopot, Poland 2000.



Monika Milczek

Jola Sakaan

Kazia Szymanek

Kinga Augustyn

Zosia Schmidt

Aga Przetak

Christiane  
Santisteban

Gosia  
Stroinski



Posing with Chef Edward's Polish Eagle Ice Vase



Edward, Kinga, Jacek & Matthieu



Michal Miller & Macie Bute



Iwona Kessling & Matthieu Cognet



Susan Murrman & Viola Bute



Tomek & Jola Szymanek with Anna Kaziow holding grandson Marshall



Jazia & Michal Miller



05/09/2015 18:45



05/09/2015 18:35

## Cuisine of Poland

### Chef Grzegorz Łapanowski

With a love of cooking from a young age, Polish chef Grzegorz Łapanowski has established an impressive name for himself in the industry. He has worked with several restaurants, television programs and even Polish schools to improve the quality of children's nutrition. He also writes reviews and magazine articles in addition to appearing on the radio where he assists in leading culinary programs.



TV Interview with Chefs Grzegorz Łapanowski  
& Maciej Nowicki

Throughout his career, he has worked with many leading companies in the catering and food business. On a daily basis, he enjoys conducting culinary demonstrations and workshops for all ages where he shares his passion for preparing healthy and delicious food.

May 8 & 9, 2015



Living Traditions Folk Ensemble

**LTFE**

. memphis in may .  
performance tour  
may 10-14, 2015

**ALL SHOOK UP**



**Memphis in May at Harding Academy May 13, 2015**  
As part of the Memphis in May salute to Poland, the Harding White Station campus was selected to host the Living Traditions Folk Ensemble who gave a dramatic, interactive, and educational presentation of the life and culture of Poland. At the conclusion of the assembly, the troupe stayed to meet the students in early childhood group and give them the opportunity to ask questions and allow them to try on various parts of their costumes.

## Hosting Living Traditions Folk Ensemble



LTFE Members with Zbyszek Stroinski, Miłka Mitchell and Aga Przetak



Aga Przetak and Roberto Santisteban Hosting LTFE



## Cinema of Poland

### Famous Polish filmmaker Krzysztof Kieślowski's *Three Colors* trilogy screening

This bold trio of stories released in the 1990s depicts love and loss in the settings of Paris, Warsaw, and Geneva. The films range from tragedy to comedy to romance and are loosely structured around the symbolic, conceptual colors of the French flag, Blue, White, and Red – liberty, equality, and brotherhood. Widely considered a benchmark of contemporary cinema, the Three Colors film trilogy depicts the interconnected nature of three groups of people through the universal human experiences of grief and deliverance, inequality and betrayal, along with faith and destiny.

- **BLUE: MAY 13 AT 7 P.M.**
- **WHITE: MAY 20 AT 7 P.M.**
- **RED: MAY 27 AT 7 P.M.**

#### **Malco Studio on the Square**

2105 Court Avenue Memphis, TN 38138



## Cinema of Poland special screening of Pawel Pawlikowski's IDA

From acclaimed director Pawel Pawlikowski comes IDA, a moving and intimate drama about a young novice nun in 1960s Poland who, on the verge of taking her vows, makes a shocking discovery about her past.



In this 2014 Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film, Pawlikowski returns to his native Poland for the first time in his career to confront some of the more contentious issues in the history of his birthplace. The weight of history is everywhere, but the scale falls within the scope of a young woman learning about the secrets of her own past. This intersection of the personal with momentous historic events makes for what is surely one of the most powerful and affecting films of the last year.

### **Malco Studio on the Square**

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## Memphis in May World Barbecue Championship



May 14-16, 2015

World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest



**Chef  
Grzegorz Kazubski**

**Polish-American BBQ Team**

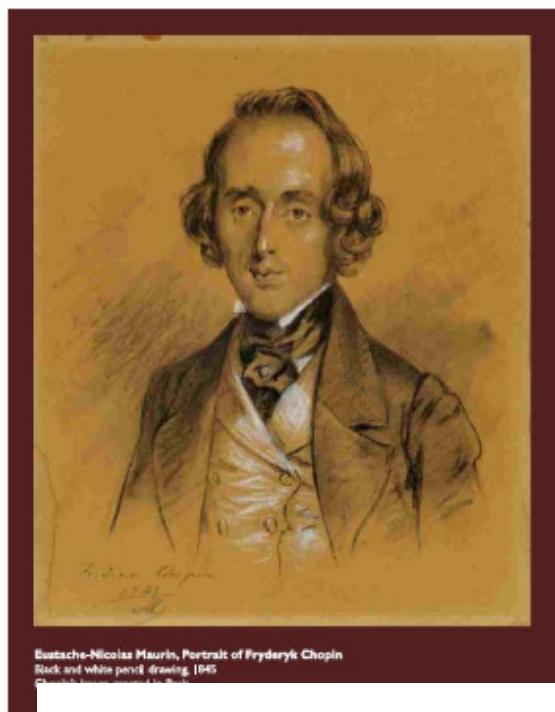


**Zosia Schmidt**

He is the President of the Polish BBQ Association and manager of the Polish National BBQ Team "Polish BBQ Kings"

### Chopin and His Works

This exhibit from The Chopin Museum in Warsaw tells the fascinating story of Poland's most famous composer. Through photographic displays, viewers receive an unconventional look at Chopin including the specificity of his artistic process, the originality of his pianistic craft, and insight into the mysteries of his personality.



Eustache-Nicolas Maurin, Portrait of Fryderyk Chopin  
Black and white pencil drawing, 1845

Visitors to the exhibit  
has to offer.

**MAY 1 - MAY 31, 2015**



### 500 Years of Medalllic Art in Poland

*Medals from the Collection of the National Museum in Krakow*



The exhibition reveals a history of medalllic art in Poland starting with its beginning during the reign of the Jagiellonian kings and ending with contemporary medals. The collection also explores important events in Polish history as seen from the medal engravers' perspective. The exhibit comes from the collection of the National Museum in Krakow and from the famous Emeryk Hutten-Czapski collection.

**MAY 1 - MAY 31, 2015**

## Human Rights and Struggle – Polish Transformation and the Art of Posters

Human Rights and Struggle reveals the unique role of posters as a method of communication and a catalyst for change through the display of notable Polish posters from the Poster Museum at Wilanow Palace.

**MAY 1 - MAY 31, 2015**

**Hours:** Closed Tuesdays

Monday & Wednesday – Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**National Civil Rights Museum**

(901) 521-9699

450 Mulberry Street

Memphis, TN 38103



## Metal Artifacts from Poland, Brothers Lopienska

The Brothers Lopienska Exhibit details the rich history and craftsmanship of the important, historical firm, which was founded in 1862 and carries on their tradition today.



Works created by the firm include the lighting fixtures for the parliament of the Union of South Africa and the restoration of many Warsaw monuments.

## Exhibitions Honoring Polish National Heritage

### Who You Are – Polish contemporary artwork by Jarema Dorgowski.

“Who You Are” is a study on the Polish Coat of Arms. The Polish Order of the White Eagle is transformed into new shapes in the form of collages done with remarkable precision. The work parallels the American method of utilizing national symbols as well as notions of patriotism and nationality.



Presented in conjunction with the Propaganda Foundation, Warsaw.

**MAY 1 - MAY 31, 2015**

**Goodwyn Gallery at Memphis Central Library**



### For Our Freedom and Yours

Bearing a title recognized as an unofficial motto of Poland, *For Our Freedom and Yours* is a moving play surrounding the story of African-American producer, director, and expatriate Shakespearean actor Ira Aldridge.



Set in November 7, 1867 in Lodz, Poland, the plot develops around the night before Aldridge has invited locals to witness a dramatic autobiographical presentation which highlights both his professional and personal life. Unbeknownst to the African tragedian, it would be his last. Throughout his lifetime, Aldridge amassed many awards and recognitions from around the world, a remarkable achievement during a time when most African-Americans remained in slavery.

#### **EVENING PERFORMANCES: MAY 27, 28, 29, 2015**

**Southwest Tennessee Community College, Union Campus**

737 Union Avenue

Verties Sails Building - 113

Memphis, TN 38103

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# WELCOME TO THE 2015

# ANNUAL MEETING

YEAR-END REVIEW + VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY  
2016 HONORED COUNTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN HARDIN HALL

## PROGRAM

### ANNUAL REVIEW

Jim Holt

President & CEO

*2015 Festival Year End Review & Report*

WEI CHEN

2015 Chairman of the Board of Directors

*2015 Festival and Organizational Review  
Acknowledgment of Outgoing Board Members*

DOUG BROWNE

2016 Chariman of the Board of Directors

*Introduction of Incoming Board Members  
2016 Honored Country Announcement*

### INTERMISSION

### 2015 VOLUNTEER AWARDS PROGRAM

"Debut" Award

"Best of" Award

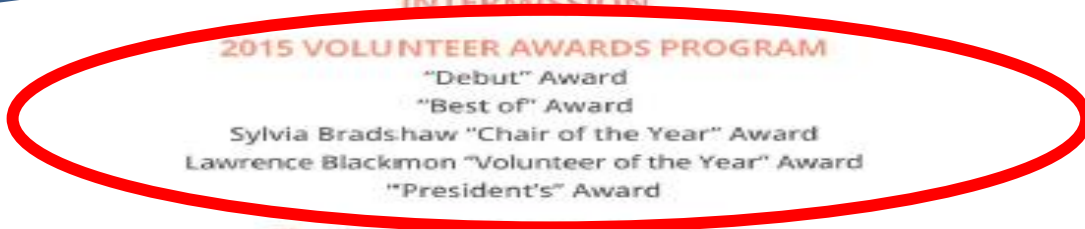
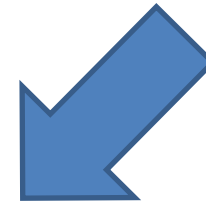
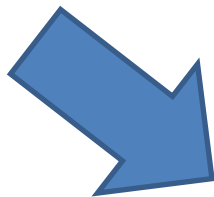
Sylvia Bradshaw "Chair of the Year" Award

Lawrence Blackmon "Volunteer of the Year" Award

"President's" Award

*Thank You and See you Next Year...*

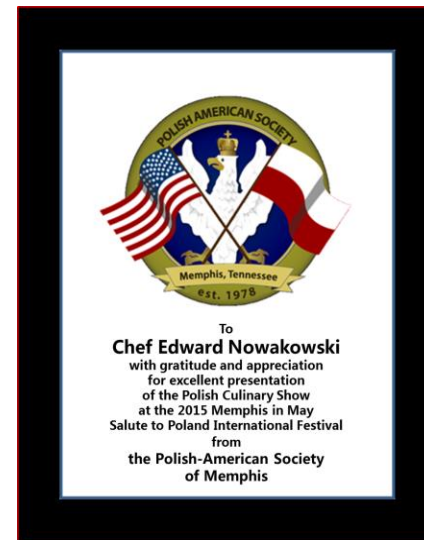
## OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY



“Volunteer of the Year” Nominee



# "Best Of" Award





## We Are Proud of Our Polish Heritage



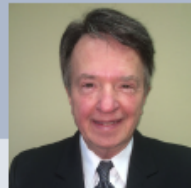
### Special Award



September 2015

## MEMPHIS BUSINESS MOMENTS

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### Polish Culture Honored During Memphis in May

By Jacek Dutkiewicz, Senior Research Fellow, Nonwovens R&D, Georgia-Pacific

As President of the Polish-American Society (PAS) of Memphis, our organization in early 2014 was instrumental in helping to prepare the proposal for the Memphis in May (MIM) CEO and board to select Poland as the country of honor for the 2015 Memphis in May International Festival. Additionally, as a member of the Polish Embassy Advisory Board, I helped secure an endorsement from the ambassador of Poland for the MIM proposal.

This was a very proud moment for me personally and the Polish American Society to have our culture recognized on such a large scale in the mid-south. I received the great honor and privilege of introducing the MIM CEO and board to Polish Ambassador Ryszard Schnepf. I facilitated contacts between the two parties to work out the details of the Polish Embassy's involvement in the 2015 MIM International Festival saluting Poland.

We also made recommendations about the education and cultural programs for MIM 2015 honoring Poland and, as chair of the MIM 2015 Honored Nationals Committee, I helped organize more than 50 Polish-American volunteers to support the planning and execution of the Salute-to-Poland educational and cultural program.

During the Memphis Cellulose-sponsored Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring the economic relations between the U.S. and Poland, I was introduced by Memphis Cellulose Mill Manager Chuck LaPorte and in turn, I introduced the ambassador of Poland as the keynote speaker. This was followed by a gala dinner sponsored by GP Memphis Cellulose.

Although I gained a great deal of fulfillment and recognition from my involvement in this year's Memphis in May festivities, it was a great pleasure to see up close how GP's involvement helped to enrich the Memphis community.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015

**MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL NAMED “BEST SOUTHERN EVENT” BY USA TODAY 10BEST**



The results are in – Memphis in May International Festival has been named by USA Today 10Best readers as the “Best Southern Event.” An expert panel of travel and tourism writers selected 20 events before allowing readers to vote for the top ten over a four-week period.

**Collected and arranged by J.K. Dutkiewicz**