



Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY - DECEMBER 2025

PROGRAMS OFFERED

2/2/25

"A Farewell to Christmas" featuring several Choral groups, the Polish Heritage Dancers, Polish Saturday School and featuring soloist Joyce Carolyn Butler. The well-loved Polka Band, Special Delivery concluded the program. More than 250 people gathered at St. Stanislaus Social Center to celebrate.

4/9/25

Eleanor Ash Lecture: "Arts Up: The Buffalo Fine Arts Academy and its Impact Near and Far". She spoke about the "Monuments Men" and the new AKG Art Museum.

4/23/25

Book Talk: "Falling into Place: A Story of Love, Poland and the Making of a Travel Writer", presented by Thomas Swick. Julia Boyer Reinstein Library.

5/21/25

The University of Buffalo Libraries and the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo co-hosted a **rededication ceremony for the Polish Room**, now housed in its stately new location in Abbott Hall on UB's South Campus. The event welcomed members of the University at Buffalo, the Polish Arts Club, the Consul General of the Republic of Poland and guests from throughout the community. This fall marks the 70th anniversary of the Polish Room Collection. It stands as a proud symbol of collaboration between UB and the region's vibrant Polish American Community.

7/30 - 8/2/25

Hosted the **77th Annual Convention of the American Council for Polish Culture** under the theme of **Art & Architecture**.

8/1/25

Gala Banquet & Polonaise Ball celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo.

8/2/25

Marcella Kochanska Sembrich National Vocal Competition Winner Concert, Jules Furgal, featuring guitarist James Piorkowski, Montante Cultural Center.

9/17/25

"Reflections on his Meetings with John Paul II" with archival film. Speaker: Rich Newburg.

11/12/25

Patriotic Concert: A Celebration of America's Veteran's Day & Polish Independence Day with the Docenko Family Trio Polish Arts Club Annual Meeting with Scholarship Presentation.

12/13/25

"An Old World Christmas Concert" A festive performance honoring the cherished holiday Christmas traditions of Poland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Mexico and America. Soul-stirring Polish Koledy and German Weihnachtslieder, to Mexican Villancicos, Italian pastorali, and timeless carols of Ireland and America. Canterbury Woods Performing Arts Center.

COLLABORATIVE EVENTS

1/13/25

"Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Music and Performance Program" Living history, organized by Lockport high School. Produced by Thomas Kazmierczak.

2/22/25

Buffalo Philharmonic Concert with Polish cellist Marcin Zdunik as part of the Tchaikovsky Festival. The Polish Arts Club sponsored this event with \$1,000.

2/23/25

"The Poetry of Music", a Frederick Chopin Birthday Celebration: A concert organized by the Chopin Singing society at the Montante Cultural Center.

3/23/25

"Dueling Pianos", featuring Abigail Budnack, Melanie Bebak, and Nicholas Kaponyhas. Scholarship Benefit. St. Louis Church.

5/3/25

Celebrating the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791 at the Adam Mickiewicz Library and Dramatic Circle.

10/1 - 10/4/25

Polish Film Festival, Mickiewicz Library and Dramatic Circle 612 Fillmore Ave. Buffalo, NY 14212

10/1, **Memory is Our Homeland**

10/2, **Wrobel (Sparrow)**

10/3, **Kos (Scarborn)**

10/4, **Biala Odwaga (White Courage)**

11/28 - 11/29/25

Exhibit Table Christmas Craft Show organized by St. Gregory the Great Parish with major sponsorship of the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo.

SPECIAL NEWS

11/7/25

The following notification was received

Congratulations! We are pleased to notify you that **\$10,500** to support the grant requested by Polish Arts Club of Buffalo will be awarded for the **Project Next Steps: Data and Clerical Help project**. This grant is from the Impact HQ Implementation Grant Process administered by the Nonprofit Support Group (NSG).

Our goal is to modernize and stabilize the Club by hiring a consultant to build a professional data management system and help us restructure board responsibilities. This system will help our work to be more efficient, be more effective, and achieve greater mission impact.

Specifically, we aim to:

Replace our outdated Excel-based membership system with a secure, cloud-based CRM; **Clarify** and rebuild the vacant Membership Secretary role; **Digitize** and centralize vital organizational records; **Implement** systems to track dues, donations, event attendance, and outreach; **Strengthen** board operations and succession planning to avoid future breakdowns.

Officers

President, Robert J. Fronckowiak; Vice President, Michael Zachowicz; Treasurer, Mary Lou WYROBEK; Historian, Christine Nowak

Directors

Anne Flansburg, David Franczyk, Regina Senko Hanchak, Thomas Kazmierczak, Paul Wisniewski

Scholarship Chairperson

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Scholarship Trust Chairperson

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