



XVII ŚWIATOWY FESTIWAL POLONIJNYCH ZESPOŁÓW FOLKLORYSTYCZNYCH RZESZÓW 2017

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To Lajkonik
Polish Folk Ensemble
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The organizers of the XVII World Festival of Polish Folk Ensembles are pleased to inform you that the Artistic Committee of the festival has chosen the Lajkonik Polish Folk Ensemble from Tucson, Arizona, USA to participate in this year's festival. The choice was based on the group's suggested program and on being familiar with the quality of program the group presented at the previous edition of the festival.

The festival will be held July 15-26th (including the first few days near Rzeszów) in Rzeszów, with a minimum of 7 performances. We invite you, in addition to a 30 minute program consisting of Polish dances and dances from your country of origin, to please prepare 4 minute versions of a Polish dance and Country of Origin dance for the Gala Concerts (July 24 and 25th) which will be televised on Polish national TV and streamed online. We are pleased that we will be able to have you at our festival. We are attaching a list of requirements and dates these requirements need to be fulfilled by.

Our Festival has been continuously organized since 1969, and this year the financial support is provided by the Polish Government (Senat Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej), Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, Podkarpackie County Government, City of Rzeszów and other sponsors. The first three days at cities near Rzeszów are financially supported by the local governments. Festival participants are responsible for the cost of transport to Poland and 10% of cost of room and board and festival attractions.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Festival in Rzeszów,

Mariusz Guzdzien
Director-of the Festival

Lajkonik Performances

- Tucson Meet Yourself
- Polish Dinner Night – Annual at St. Rita in the Desert for Knights of Columbus
- Church events – St. Peter and Paul, St. Thomas (fundraising for World Youth Day), St. Elisabeth Seaton, St. Francis de Sales, St. Rita, Our Lady of Fatima
- Polish Festival at our Lady of Czestochowa Church in **Phoenix**
- Hungarian, Lithuanian, Slavic, Serbian festivals in Tucson and Phoenix
- Polish Festivals and concerts – **Seattle and Las Vegas**
- Live concert with Arizona Balalaika Orchestra
- Nursing homes, schools
- And more

The Rzeszów World Polish Culture Festival in Rzeszów occurs every three years and gathers Polish people from around the globe to perform traditional folk dances together.

It is a multicultural, community—building, educational, fun experience.

We would like every member of our group to be able to afford this exciting opportunity: perform Polish dances in the country of our roots. We appreciate Your help!

Live - KOVIL

Lajkonik Polish Folk Ensemble of Tucson



with Special Guest: Arizona Balalaika Orchestra

Many thanks to

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Our Local Raffle Sponsors... UA Presents, The Loft Cinema, Yamato Japanese Restaurant, Lotus Garden, Mayfield Florist, Madaras Gallery, Jordan Daniel (Ballroom Instructor), Amy Robertson (Folk Shoes)

Kitchen chefs: Darek Kocoi, Beata Witusik

And, as always, our **Friends and Families** who support our efforts—we could not do it without you!

If you are interested in **supporting Lajkonik** in their travel to the Rzeszów Festival in Poland this summer, we accept donations via PayPal on www.PolishDanceAZ.com. Or mail us a check: Lajkonik, 5708 E. 6th Street, Tucson AZ 85711.

Want to know about next Polish Night? Send us an email Lajkonik@cox.net

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The Lajkonik Polish Folk Ensemble has been sharing the rich traditions of Poland since its creation in 1998 and is one of the first groups to promote Polish culture through dance in all of Arizona. This year Lajkonik is preparing to represent Tucson again as the only group from Arizona to ever perform at the International Festival of Expatriate Polish Folk Dance Groups in **Rzeszów, Poland.** Your presence today will help us get to the festival!



Lajkonik is also nationally recognized, being invited to festivals in Seattle, Las Vegas, and San Diego. On a local level, the group enriches and livens up the annual Tucson Meet Yourself festival — one of the largest cultural festivals in the Southwest — not only performing, but also sharing Polish food with the community. TMY's organizers have described Lajkonik as "Tucson's most beloved folk group." For the past two years Lajkonik has been recognized for excellence through artistic fellowships from TMY. Lajkonik also performs annually at the Polish and Hungarian Festivals in Phoenix and partners with the Arizona Balalaika Orchestra in Tucson to perform at their live concert. Finally, Lajkonik loves performing at local nursing homes and other events that let us get out into the community to perform for great people like You.

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